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FROM THE ARCHIVES

In 1900, electric trolley cars carried passengers between Ipswich, Georgetown and Newburyport, switching near the Academy's Milestone. The new transportation brought girls to the campus from as far as Rowley and Haverhill for dances with the young Dummer boys. By 1923, the trolleys were gone, replaced by automobiles on the new cement turnpike.

You can read all about Governor Dummer Academy and its role in New England, United States, and world history in the walking tour included in this issue of *The Archon*. We hope you will be able to visit Byfield soon to enjoy the self-guided tour of our beautiful campus.

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Pulitzer Prize winning author Thomas Friedman has written a book called *The Lexus and the Olive Tree* that provides an intriguing perspective on the post cold war international system.

The lexus and the olive tree are his metaphors for the two competing trends that characterize modern times. The lexus symbolizes the age-old drive towards improvement, prosperity and modernization. Much of the world is intent on building a better lexus. This endeavor relies in part, on the integration of high technology, computers, sophisticated databases and global markets.

The olive tree represents that which roots us, identifies us, whether it is belonging to a family, a community, a school, a tribe or a religion. People struggle to protect their olive trees because they provide us with a connection to something reassuring and larger than ourselves.

Friedman argues that a major challenge in a globalized world is to find a healthy balance between preserving a sense of identity while being able to adapt to the challenges of the new era.

There is a distinct parallel between Friedman's thesis and GDA in 2004. For a school to effectively meet the educational needs of the current generation of students, it must be innovative and dynamic. In the new information age, we must teach students how to process, evaluate and ultimately how to utilize the vast array of knowledge that is potentially at their disposal. Young people need to have access to the latest in technological tools to help them navigate through this new terrain; they need to be nurtured in an educational environment that makes learning fresh and relevant and not just as abstraction. GDA's research-oriented, inquiry-based approach to learning, where teachers seek to empower students to take responsibility for their education, is accomplishing this objective.

GDA is also a unique grove of olive trees. It is a place where adolescents forge an identity, unlock insights to their character, experience the spirit of cooperation and the exhilarating satisfaction of being part of a team, a cast or an ensemble. In short, here our students become part of something larger than themselves. It is important that students come to realize that they are part of a venerable institution; a school with a history that literally mirrors the development, growth and evolution of the Republic; a school that has produced generations of leaders who have left their mark on the political, legal, religious, educational and social landscape of the nation. We want students (and alumni/ae) to know the history of their school and to understand that GDA has an overarching sense of permanence about it, though it may be but a transitory stop for the students who pass through.

This edition of *The Archon* contains a new publication that celebrates GDA's illustrious past. Our new "walking tour" of the campus highlights the school's historic buildings and offers anecdotes and stories that bring our architecture to life. Counterpointing the "olive" walking tour are articles describing a "lexus" of exciting and innovative developments at the Academy.

I hope you'll enjoy journeying through the words and pictures of our past and present in the pages to follow. As always, you have a standing invitation to visit Byfield any time to experience the energy and beauty of our school in person.

John M. Doggett Jr.

View of the Amoskeag Millyard
Manchester, NH. See story on page



Development Developments



Just as every vote counts in an election, every gift to the GDA Annual Fund makes a difference. Proceeds from the Annual Fund are spent entirely on the cost of running

GDA. In other words, your gift will support faculty, help increase financial aid for deserving students, acquire books for the library, purchase athletic equipment for sports teams, and maintain the historic beauty and value of the campus.

To date, our Annual Fund is on target to reach its goal of \$1.15 million. However, we need your help boosting GDA's alumni participation goal to 32%. Please know that your kindness is appreciated and we welcome, once again, any support you and your family can offer.

The care and enthusiasm our alumni, parents, and friends have for GDA and for one another is truly remarkable. I am confident that together we can reach these goals and keep our beloved GDA prospering.

Gratefully yours,

Chris Beebe

Chris Beebe '55
Co-Chairman
Alumni Development
Committee

Alumni Council Celebrates 30th Anniversary

In 1974, Howard "Buster" Navins '31, formed the GDA Alumni/ae Association in order that alumni might better connect with the on-campus community and one another. From 1974 to 1991, the Alumni Association, with guidance from its Executive Committee, fostered programs to increase connectivity with graduates of the school, such as an enhanced reunion program, an Alumni Admissions network, and other initiatives to keep alumni informed about their school.

In 1991, the Executive Committee of the Alumni Association revamped its By-Laws and changed its name to the GDA Alumni Council. For the past 13 years, the GDA Alumni Council has forged into new territory with its annual sponsorship of the Holiday Gathering and Boston Pops and the inaugural Athletic Hall of Fame this past November.

On February 7, 2004, the Alumni Council reworked its By-Laws to further express its commitment to alumni and alumnae of the school. The Alumni Council has built up a lot of momentum, and taken on new initiatives such as Distinguished Alumnus/a of the Year Award and the Alumni Golf Tournament.

Those interested in becoming part of the GDA Alumni Council are encouraged to submit a cover letter and resume to:

Alumni Council Nominating Committee

James C. Deveney Jr. '60, President
c/o GDA Development Office
1 Elm Street
Byfield, MA 01922

We look forward to hearing from you.

Parent Update

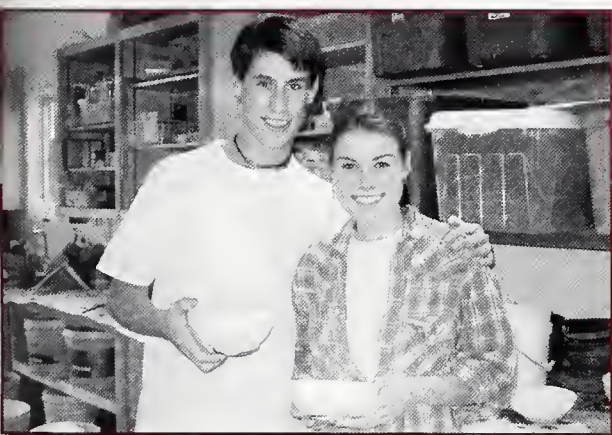


Sandi Lundquist P'03,'06 (1) and Patty Doggett P'04,'07, both members of the Auction Committee, preparing the auction mailing.

Auction

Members of the Auction Committee have been hard at work preparing mailings for this year's auction, The French Connection, at Wentworth-by-the-Sea on May 8, 2004. The French Connection will benefit a new terrace outside the French Building.

Auction items are being actively solicited. If you would like to donate an item, please contact Co-Chairs Bev Giblin at (603) 964-7582 or Betsy Winder at (978) 526-4762.



Brad Ferry '04 and Katherine Paul '04, co-directors of the Soup's On Program

Winter Parents Weekend

GDA welcomed more than 300 parents for our annual Winter Parents Weekend on February 13 and 14, 2004. The musical, *Anything Goes*, highlighted the weekend, and our annual Soup's On, featuring the sale of student-made bowls and gourmet soup, raised \$3500 for the Cape Ann Food Pantry. We look forward to continuing this weekend next year, and hope the nice weather will again greet our guests!

ON THE ROAD



From left to right: Jessica Savage '98, Astrid Garcia '97 and Patty Doggett P'04,'07

Los Angeles Reception

More than 40 GDA alumni/ae, parents, friends, and prospective families attended a reception at The Millennium Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles, California on February 19. Headmaster Marty Doggett and his wife, Patty, along with faculty member Paul Wann, were on hand to update alumni/ae, parents, and friends on the goings on at GDA.



From left to right: Mark and Sandy Muscatello P'05 and Headmaster Marty Doggett P'04,'07

Holiday Gathering at Boston College Club

The Boston College Club, with panoramic views of the Boston skyline, provided a wonderful venue for more than 100 alumni, parents, staff and faculty who attended the annual GDA Holiday Gathering on December 11.

Cathy Burgess, Vice President of the Alumni Council, and Headmaster Marty Doggett updated folks on the Academy, but the highlight of the evening was a musical performance by The First, GDA's select chorus. Under the direction of Chris Drelich, The First performed two Latin motets followed by a rousing rendition of "I'll be Home for Christmas."

North Country Mini-Reunion



Jim Bride, Director of Alumni Relations, visited recent GDA graduates attending St. Michael's College and the University of Vermont in Burlington, Vermont on January 21, 2004. Clockwise from lower left: Emily Sears '00, Cian O'Neill '00, Megan Lagasse '03, Allison Marcoux '03, Devan Berry '03, and Bride.



Reunion '04

June 11-13, 2004

Plans are shaping up for Reunion 2004 as we get ready to welcome the '04 and '09 classes back to Governor Dummer Academy on June 11-13, 2004. The ever popular Alumni Concert will be on the docket again this year, along with a special session with GDA's noted ceramicist Irina Okula, who will offer alumni/ae a hands-on opportunity to create pottery in our new state of the art ceramics studio.

Back for its second season will be Alumni vs. Alumni Lacrosse and Alumni vs. Alumni Baseball on Saturday, June 12. Hope you can join us for some great fun and memories!

Please check out GDA's web site at www.gda.org for upcoming reunion registration and schedule information.

If you are interested in helping out with your class reunion plans, please contact Jim Bride in the Development Office at (978) 499-3215 or jbride@gda.org.



Top row, from left to right: Ray Long '96, Todd Walters '96, and Ben Bizier '02. Middle row, from left to right: Jim Ronan '79, Ike Sugar '78, Justin Marshall '99, Troy Dagues '79, Nat Baldwin '99, and Anthony Fusco '85. Bottom row, from left to right: Andy Ramirez '98 and Antonio Valverde '00.

Winter Alumni/ae Games

A small but dedicated group of alumni returned to campus on Sunday, January 11 to test their mettle against some younger adversaries. The Alumni Men's Basketball team made a valiant effort at back-to-back wins, but came up short in overtime, 85-80, against

Inaugural Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees



GDA's Inaugural Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees attended the Athletic Hall of Fame dinner on November 7, 2003. From left to right: Carolyn Hoague (Joe's daughter) on behalf of Joe Hoague '37, Dan Leary '55 (Skip's classmate) on behalf of Carl "Skip" Pescosolido, Jr. '55, Bob Rex '53, Ray Huard '67, Susan Perry '81, Andre La Fleur '83, and Richard Evans (Heb's nephew on behalf of Heb Evans, former GDA coach and faculty member).



Top row, from left to right:
John Leonard '03,
Tay Vaughan '62, Caleb
Noblitt '99, Carl Noblitt
'03, Damian Prescott '94,
and Greg Lydon '94.
Bottom row, from left to
right: Lenny Ceglarski '02,
Devin Sullivan '92,
Brendan Forrest '94 and
Joe Nicastro '97.

a strong Varsity squad. The Alumni Men's Hockey team pulled out a 6-4 victory against the Varsity Boys' Hockey Team, as the Varsity team made a last minute rush to even the score from last year. We look forward to victories by all the alumni and alumnae teams next year!

Development Calendar 2004

- April 22 Alumni Council Dinner for Seniors
- April 27 Women's Networking Reception
- May 6 Boston Young Alumni Event
- May 13 GDA Night at the Boston POPS
- June 11-13 Reunion
- October 1 "Non Sibi Sed Aliis"
Leadership and Volunteer Dinner
- October 18 Alumni Golf Tournament



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new online
alumni community
just for you.**

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**Just go to the
new page:**

www.gda.org/stayconnected

**New Users:
Your temporary
password is your birth-
date (mm/dd/yyyy).**

Once you're in, your biggest dilemma will be what to do first to "STAY CONNECTED" to your friends from GDA!

We look forward to hearing more from you and about you!

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Short Takes

The Game's in Our Court



Bill Littlefield, the host of National Public Radio's popular sports show, *It's Only a Game*, will be this year's commencement speaker. Littlefield, also a well-known author and professor of writing, each week takes his listening audiences on a journey through the world of sports, tackling topics as broad as team prospects and issues of racism in athletics. The Yale graduate, who has won six Associated Press Awards and been deemed one of Boston's "Literary Lights" by Boston Public Library, promises to follow in the tradition of GDA's past inspiring and entertaining graduation speakers.



Not for Self...But for others...

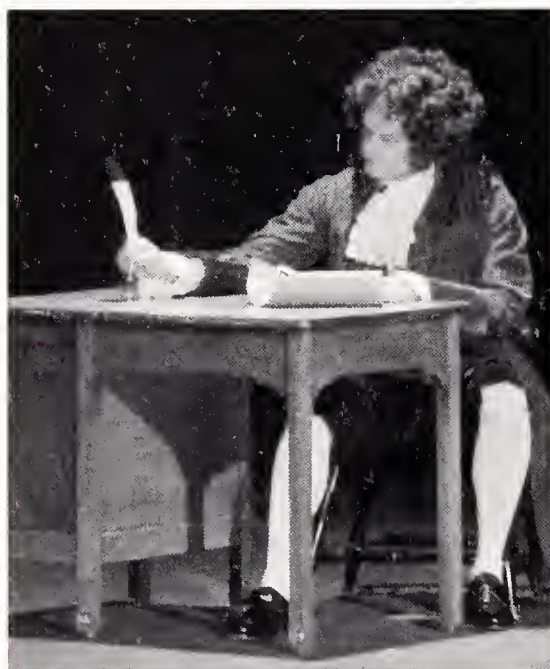
In the GDA tradition of giving, Greg Waldman, Chief Information Officer, and Aaron Mandel, Manager of Information Systems, packed a school van with 20 used computers - 15 Compaq desktops (500mhz/256MB RAM) - and 5 Compaq laptops(333mhz/128MB RAM) and brought them to the Italian Home for Children in Jamaica Plain in January.

There, the children will use the computers in their classes as well as for homework and recreation. The Italian Home for

Children is a temporary residence for approximately 60 boys and girls, ages 4-13, who have been removed from their families by the state because of abuse and neglect.

"We hope these computers will supplement the resources of the facility and give these kids better opportunities for learning and fun," said Greg, who worked at the home for three-and-a-half years. "These children have suffered in ways most people here can't even imagine. We hope our small gift can help."

Earlier in the year, Patty Doggett, wife of Headmaster Marty Doggett, arranged for GDA to give 10 laptops to Wellspring House in Gloucester to help in training homeless women for jobs in the medical field.



Founder's Day

The GDA community celebrated Founder's Day on March 1 in the Performing Arts Center. Faculty member Joe Repczynski, in full 18th century regalia, delivered the proclamation which called for the establishment of the school in 1763. Students were then challenged to answer questions about the history of the Academy; prizes for correct answers were awarded.



Ski Club Outing

Howling winds and bitter cold iced out the GDA Ski Club a few times last winter, but hardly enough to quell the enthusiasm of the stalwart group. Pictured at Loon Mountain in February are (l to r): Sam Adams, Andrew Werner, Ruth Splaine, Michael Barnaby and Barrie Stavis, all Class of 2005, taking a break; and Nils Weedon '04 snowboarding.

Tally Ho!

GDA seniors Elaine Frey of Amesbury, MA, and Rachel Decareau of North Reading, MA, were recently selected as recipients of English-Speaking Union scholarships for next year. ESU was organized in the United States in 1920 with the aim of furthering friendship and understanding among English-speaking peoples of the world. The scholarship program gives American students an opportunity to spend

a post-high school year in a British school. Accepted students must already have been accepted to college and then defer their matriculation for a year. Tuition, room and board is all paid by the hosting school.

GDA has hosted ESU students from the UK for the past four years. This year's English ESU exchange student is Chris Massey.

Science, Technology and GDA

GDA science teacher Hal Scheintaub is engaged in a science education project in cooperation with educators at MIT and the Santa Fe Institute. The project introduces students to a computer modeling technology that simulates the dynamics of complex systems, such as populations of organisms competing for resources in a particular environment. Students manipulate variables, observing and analyzing in minutes changes that happen in nature over long periods of time. The innovations make concepts and technologies that have revolutionized the physical sciences, social sciences and mathematics accessible to students. As important, the technology can help transform a class from a primarily "question-answer-evaluation" session into an inquiry-based learning experience.

This month, Hal will present a paper he wrote with co-authors Eric Klopfer of MIT

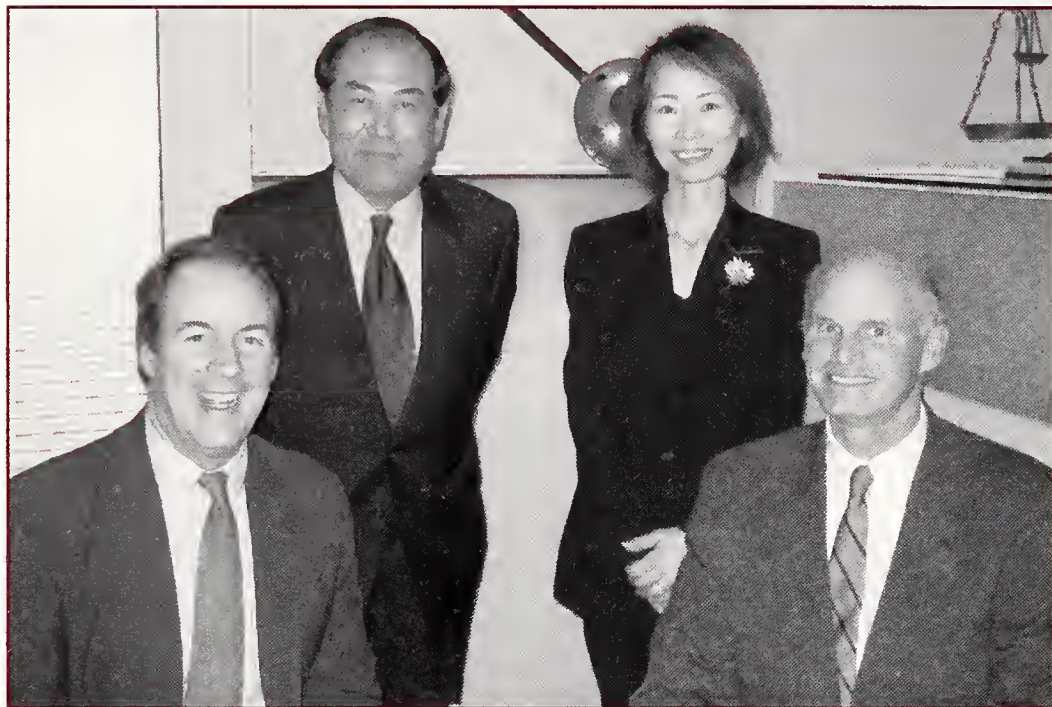
and Susan Yoon of the University of Toronto at the National Association for Research in Science Teaching in Vancouver. The paper, entitled "Complex Systems Modeling Supports and Extends Secondary School Science Learning," shows how complex systems modeling, facilitated by curricular innovation, increases student understanding of the processes as well as the content of science.

Also this spring, Ms. Yoon, a postdoctoral fellow with Dr. Klopfer, will visit Hal's accelerated biology classes with two graduate students in educational technology from Harvard. The visits will be part of their participation in a project aimed at documenting exemplary teaching practices in science education. Their documentary material will be used in science education programs, for conference presentations, journal articles, and/or chapters in academic books.

Milestone Wins Again!

For the fourth year in a row, the GDA yearbook, *The Milestone*, received a Gallery of Excellence publishing award from Walsworth Publishing Company, a national yearbook publisher for over 4,000 schools. Only one other school has ever won four of these awards in a row. The books chosen to be in the annual Gallery of Excellence represent less than four percent of all of the yearbooks published by Walsworth. *The Milestone* is being recognized for its comprehensive coverage, innovative design and superior copy and photography. The 2004 *Milestone* editors, Alex Pool-Jeffre and Stirling Winder, were presented with their award at a special luncheon on Friday, March 26 at Clark University, in Worcester, Massachusetts.

Headmaster Visits GDA Families in Asia



From left to right: Jim Bride, Director of Alumni and Parent Relations, Mr. and Mrs. Taiichiro Sato P'95, and Headmaster Marty Doggett.

Headmaster Marty Doggett made his third trip to Asia in November of 2003 to visit parents and alumni/ae in Korea and Japan.

More than 15 Korean families attended a reception on November 15 at the Grand Intercontinental Hotel in Seoul, Korea. Dr. Doh-Joon Yoon and Mrs. Jin-Sun Kim served as GDA's hosts for the evening. Headmaster Marty Doggett and GDA Director of Alumni and Parent Relations Jim Bride spoke to the assembled guests.

On November 16, Marty and Jim made their next stop in Japan where they met with more current and former parents.

The hospitality could not have been more gracious nor the weather more delightful in both Korea and Japan. Marty and Jim look forward to visiting Asia again next year.

Aloha for GDAers!

Daisy Martinez '05, Sam Adams '05, Ryan Becker '06 and Ebony Knowlin '05, accompanied by faculty members Bao Nguyen, Yarela Jara and Amanda Jones, represented GDA at the annual National Association of Independent Schools People of Color Conference in early December in Honolulu, Hawaii. The four-day conference, titled *E Huakai Pu Kakou* (Let's Voyage Together): Exploring a Majority of Minorities, drew 400 participants from throughout the country. Students studied in workshops, joined affinity groups, and listened to noted speakers such as National Public Radio commentator Ray Suarez and civil rights activist/author Lani Guinier.

GDA Sends Record 25 to HMC

"The success of a democracy depends on the informed and dynamic participation of its citizens, and the future of any democratic state is only as bright as the intellect of its next generation of leaders," reads the 2004 program for Harvard Model Congress.

GDA has been sending delegations to Harvard Model Congress since the mid-90s, according to HMC advisor Bill Quigley. "As a school with at least five consecutive years' experience, we're guaranteed 10 student-delegate roles." This year HMC approved GDA's application for the largest delegation allowed: 25. Mr. Quigley attributes that vote of confidence to the high quality of GDA student delegations in past years.

In October, nearly 50 GDA students applied for those 25 places. They were required to write a short essay on why they wanted to participate in HMC, and they had to have their winter season afternoon program coach/director sign a permission form, excusing them from participation during the February 26-29 conference at the Sheraton Boston Hotel. Delegates were selected by HMC Club President Kelsey Quigley '04 and Vice-President Barrie Stavis '05 in consultation with Mr. Quigley.

This year's participants were: Anjali Ajaikumar, Michael Barnaby, Benjamin Bell, Toby Bradford, Joe Brown, Kelsey Correia, Zach Cotreau, Patrick Dempsey, Andrew Doggett, Brad Ferry, Andrew Guyton, Tom Hyndman, Tim Lang, Hallie Martin, Melissa McDonnell, Julie O'Shaughnessy, Caroline Ott, Kelsey Quigley, Anya Ravitz, Matt Reason, Andrew Samel, Kate Shanahan, Barrie Stavis and Hannah Sylvester. Alternates were Danielle Aversa and Jon Mahoney.

During the four-day conference, participants engaged in simulations that involved all three branches of the U.S. government. They also held a mock presidential campaign and election. As the program states, "Harvard Model Congress recognizes the need to prepare students for meaningful involvement in our nation's government"; programs are created which "span the full spectrum of inside-the-beltway activity."

On Founder's Day, faculty Joe Repczynski delivers proclamation which established GDA in 1763.





Faculty Presents 'Laramie Project'

At an all-school convocation on March 1, GDA English and drama teacher Paul Wann and his wife, actor/director Bonnie Jean Wilbur, directed a staged reading by faculty of *The Laramie Project*. The play is based on interviews with people in Laramie, Wyoming following the brutal murder of gay student Matthew Shepard. Performers were Fine Arts Chair Geoff Brace, Administrative Assistant Susan Braese, Dean of Students Lynda Bromley, English teacher Anna Finch, ESL teacher Karen Gold, Headmaster Marty Doggett, Choral Director Chris Drelich, art teacher Irina Okula, Science Chair Susan Oleszko, Tech Theater Director Joe Repczynski, science teacher Tracey Stickney, Instrumental Director Chris Stowens, English Chair Richard Searles, Paul Wann, and local actors/directors Bonnie Jean Wilbur and Stephen Haley.



Just Tip Me Over and Pour Me Out!

Teaya Bromley '00 returned to campus on Jan. 15 to demonstrate throwing and forming teapots in the ceramics room of the Kaiser visual arts building.

Teaya is a senior at Skidmore College, majoring in Art and minoring in Art History, with a concentration in Ceramics. She is the daughter of GDA Dean of Students Lynda Bromley.



Okula Exhibits in Boston

GDA ceramics teacher Irina Okula will be a featured exhibitor at the CRAFTBOSTON show running from May 21 to May 23 at the World Trade Center, 200 Seaport Blvd., Boston. Okula is among 175 of the world's finest craft artists to showcase work at CRAFTBOSTON, New England's premier exhibition and sale of contemporary craft. Okula's work is made from clay which is sanded, burnished with a stone, and covered with terra sigillata before being wrapped with combustible materials such as salt marsh hay, seaweed, and sawdust soaked in oxides and tied with copper wire. The pieces are then fired in a gas kiln. For more information about the show, visit www.craftboston.org.

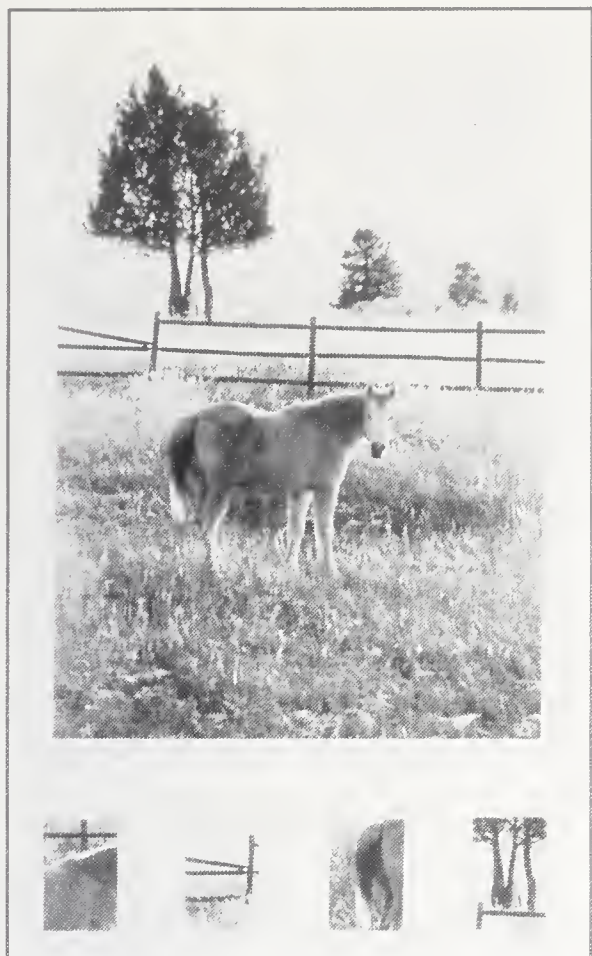


Where Science and Art Meet...

Science teacher Peter Kazarinoff took his applied chemistry class (chem com) to the new kiln in the Kaiser art building last semester. There, they investigated the effect that oxidizing and reducing atmospheres has on different clay glazes. The project helped to bring chemistry concepts into an everyday setting, according to Peter. Ceramics teacher Irina Okula was instrumental in explaining how the kiln worked and preparing the clay tiles to be fired.

YOUNG AT ART

Seven GDA students recently received Boston Globe Scholastic Art Awards for their work in a variety of art media:



ALEXANDRA POOL-JEFFRE '04

Gold Key in painting
Michaela Early '07

Gold Key in ceramics
Danielle Dillihunt '07
Silver Key in ceramics
Young-Jee Kim '05

Honorable Mention in photography
Erin Connors '06

Honorable Mention in drawing
Yumi Hong '05

Portfolio Nominee Art Portfolio
Rachel Decareau '04

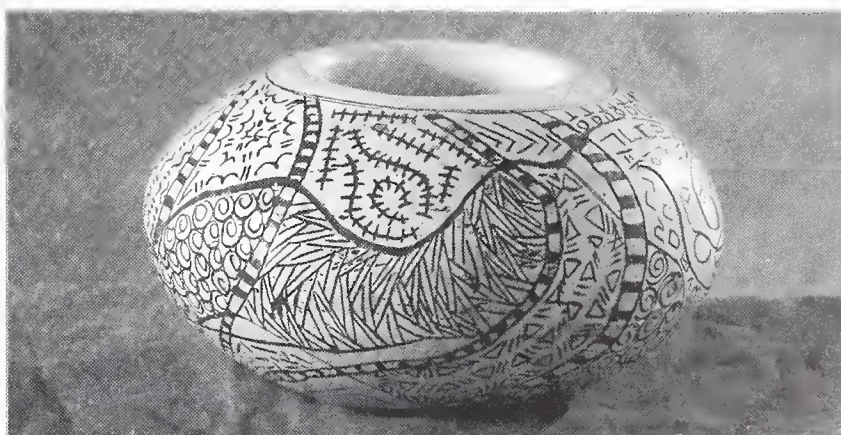
Portfolio Nominee Photo Portfolio
Alex Pool-Jeffre '04



MICHAELA EARLY '07



RACHEL DECAREAU '04



YOUNG-JEE KIM '05

Winning art was displayed in the Transportation Building in Boston until the end of February. Gold Key work was then sent to New York for the National Competition for a variety of awards. The Portfolio Nominees' work also went to New York to compete for a \$10,000 scholarship.

Healing Through Music



GDA senior Kelsey Quigley recently received the national Volunteers are the Foundation of Hospice Award from the National Hospice & Palliative Care Organization in the Teen Service Category. Kelsey was nominated by Hospice of the North Shore where she has been a volunteer since her grandmother received hospice services in 1999.

In their recommendation, HNS commended Kelsey for her work with the organization's bi-weekly Children's Bereavement Support Groups and for her initiative in organizing a benefit musical concert last year that raised \$800 for therapy supplies to use with the children HNS serves. Kelsey has also served as coordinator and liaison for recruiting and training other GDA volunteers for Hospice, and she has sung at the HNS semi-annual Remembrance Services. For her independent senior project this spring, Kelsey is exploring how music therapy can be integrated into the children's bereavement program.

On March 28 of this year, Kelsey produced and performed another concert at GDA to raise funds for HNS, once again joining her passion for music with her dedication to Hospice.

HNS noted that Kelsey has "demonstrated how teens with a passion such as music can find volunteer opportunities that enable them to pursue their passion while helping others. Her efforts to produce and perform the benefit concert were an inspiration to many and serve as one national model of how teens across the nation can make meaningful contributions."

Kelsey received her award at a special ceremony during the NHPCO conference in Las Vegas, NV on March 23.



'ANYTHING GOES'



Cole Porter's snappy lyrics found new life on the GDA stage when the Drama Department presented *Anything Goes* on February 12-14. Paul Wann directed; Chris Drelich provided music direction; Joe Repczynski was technical director. Choreography was by Danielle Aversa '05, with assistance from Hilary Scheintaub '05, Colin O'Rourke '05 and Lindsey Marsh '04.

Tech Theatre Has Class!

This year, the Technical Theatre program has expanded to include classes during the academic day. As part of the IFA program, students have been learning "the ropes" back stage and in the wood shop. According to Tech Director Joe Repczynski, students have loved learning the basics of sound, lights, and carpentry. As a result, the Fine Arts Department is expanding its offerings to include two semester-long courses in Technical Theatre during the 2004-2005 academic year. This program promises to keep setting the scene season after season. Let's light up the stage because the show must go on!



Students Perform in District Music Festival

Alexander Crosett '06 and Caroline Ott '05 successfully auditioned for spots in the 2004 Northeast Massachusetts District Music Festival. Crosett sang in the chorus and Ott played flute in the band at the January 9 concert in Lowell. More than 1300 high school musicians competed in November for 400 places in the festival music groups. After rehearsing with a well-known guest conductor for three days, the high school musicians performed for a large audience of friends, family and educators. Crosett, also recommended to audition for the Mass. All-State Music Festival, was chosen to perform with the best musicians in the Commonwealth at a concert in Symphony Hall in March.

Team Player

by Melissa McDonnell '04

Senior Amanda Webb continues to make her mark at Governor Dummer. In her four years as a Governor, Webb has excelled in the classroom, become a fierce competitor on 12 varsity teams, and involved herself in numerous extracurricular activities. The Danvers, MA, native has taken advantage of everything GDA has to offer, finding success in each new venture.

Webb has made a strong positive impression on many members of the GDA community. Athletic director and soccer coach Bert McLain calls Webb a "great leader" and "tremendously dedicated and committed."

Senior English teacher Chris Rokous commends Webb for her "probing intellect." Classmates cite her as an "inspiration." Soccer and basketball teammate Julie O'Shaughnessy calls Webb "one of the best players I've ever played with."

The honors Webb has received are testament to four years of hard work and dedication to all aspects of her GDA experience. She co-captained the New England Champion soccer team in 2003 and played on the championship basketball teams of 2001 and 2002. She is one of only two four-year tri-varsity athletes in her class. She earned All-State honors for soccer in her sophomore and senior years, one of only several ISL athletes to receive this distinction. On top of that, Webb is an honors student carrying Advanced Placement and Accelerated courses.

This is one scholar-athlete who clearly deserves the respect she has won in the GDA community.

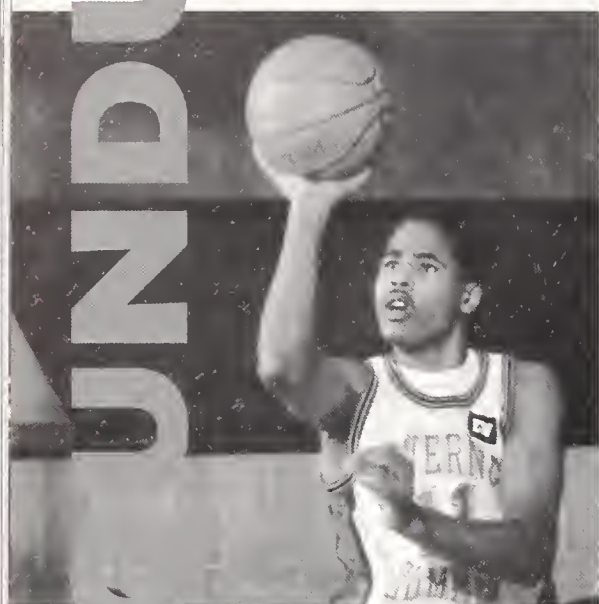
Despite the many accolades she has received, Webb still remains humble, always sharing her praise with others. Her teammates agree: Webb is an excellent team player. Whether she is in net for the varsity soccer team, playing forward on the varsity basketball team, or playing shortstop for the varsity softball team, Webb gives her all to the game and to her teammates. It is this attitude that sets her apart from other athletes.

"Playing on the teams here has been great," says Webb. "I've never really played an individual sport, and really have no interest in doing so because playing on a team, having girls around you who have the same drive and passion for a sport is unbelievable."

Webb brings this same commitment and work ethic to the classroom, where she is equally accomplished. She believes that some of her success in academics is due to her passion for sports. She sees that there is "a correlation between my sports and my studies." For her, the hard work needed to win a game is the same as the effort required to write a paper. "The discipline that I've learned in sports... it's the same for my classes. I know that when I'm performing well in the classroom, it will show on the field or the court because I'm not as stressed or overwhelmed."

This incredible dedication to both athletics and academics will take her far in life, starting this coming fall when she enters Dartmouth College. Although she is still undecided on an academic area of focus, Webb will undoubtedly be working hard in her classes next year at one of the country's most selective colleges. As one of the top soccer recruits for the school, Webb will be playing goalie at the Division I level in the competitive Ivy League. She looks forward to the challenge this team will surely bring. Webb realizes that "the only way to become a better player is to surround yourself with players better than yourself, and that is what is going to happen next year... That's what I'm very excited about."

Melissa McDonnell is Sports Co-Editor of GDA's student newspaper, *The Governor*.



BOYS' VARSITY BASKETBALL

Head Coach: Steve Metz

Season Record: 10-15

MVP: Nick Tomaino

Coach's Award: Andrew Sillari

All-League:

Nick Tomaino, Elvinson Corporan

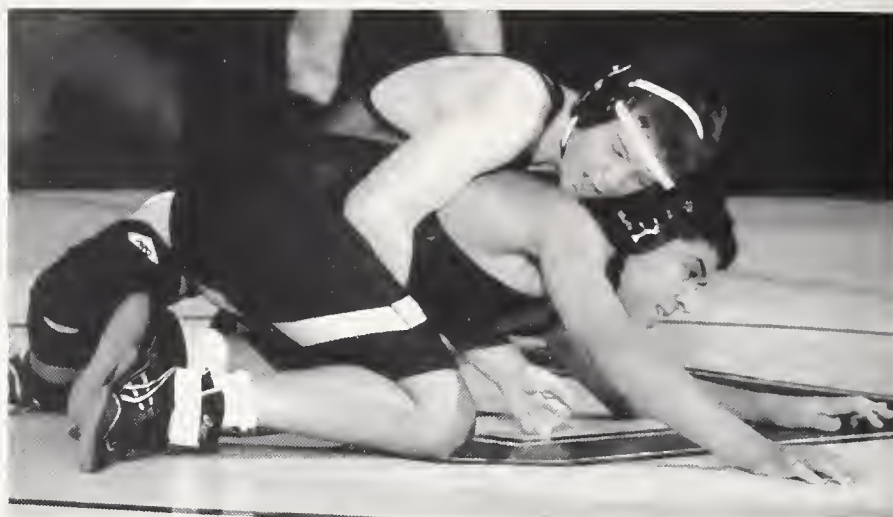
Honorable Mention:

Juan Carlos Graziano, Raul Cruz

Four Year Letter Winner: Elvinson Corporan

Most Memorable Moment of Season:

"This team played some of the best teams in New England competitively, losing to St. Andrew's by 2, St. Mark's by 2 and Thayer by 3. It was an exciting season and the team played hard in every contest."—S.M.



VARSITY WRESTLING

Head Coach: Matthew Hunt

Season Record: 3-13; placed ninth of 14 at the League Tournament; named Most Improved Team

MVP: Tim Mauritz

Heb Evans Award: Tim Lang

All-League: Tim Mauritz, Andrew Guyton, Ryan Becker, Ben Cutrell

Most Memorable Moment or Match:

"Freshman Ben Cutrell going into overtime to earn a victory against Brooks; Junior Tim Lang's victory by pin against Chapel Hill-Chauncy Hall. He was pressed into varsity role that day due to an injury to a starter. His win stood up as the margin of victory."—M.H.

BOYS' VARSITY ICE HOCKEY

Head Coach: Peter Kravchuk

Season Record: 16-8-1 (9-6-1 in the Keller Division of the ISL)

MVP: Brian McGuirk

Wasson Award (for the team's unsung hero): Brian Gallagher

All New England "East" Team: Brian McGuirk

All-League: Brian McGuirk, Benn T. Ferriero, Kevin Kapstead

Honorable Mention: Brian Gallagher

Four Year Letter Winners: Christopher Genovese, Brian McGuirk (5), Don Wiecezorek

Most Memorable Moment:

"No specific game or moment stands out above the rest. Everyone on our team contributed to our success and we received great leadership from our seniors (Chris Campbell, Gallagher, McGuirk and Don Wiecezorek)."—P.K.





VARSITY VOLLEYBALL:

Head Coach: Lynne Hueber
Season Record: 12-4
MVP: Emily Moore
Most Improved: Jessica Hewins
Coach's award: Ashley Hamel
Four Year Letter Winner: Emily Moore

Most Memorable Moment or Game:
 "A great game, although a close loss, mid-season to Milton. Moment? Lizzy Guyton '06 flying all over the court and crashing into things!"—L.H.

GIRLS' VARSITY ICE HOCKEY:

Head Coach: Babe Ceglarski
Season Record: 15-7-2
MVP: Erin Connors
Most Improved: Moira Talbot
Coach's Award: Kerri O'Neill
All League: Erin Connors and Britney McKenna
Honorable Mention: Torie Allen and Kelsey Johnson
Four Year Letter Winners: Emily Bryson, Ashley Foley, Kerri O'Neill

Most Memorable Moment or Game:
 "The Girl's Varsity Hockey team may have completed their most successful season ever, qualifying for a berth in the quarter finals of the Division II New England tournament. A 7-5 loss to Greenwich ended the season for the GDA girls, but they did not go down without a fight. Greenwich was happy that the game did not go on for two more minutes!"—B.C.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL:

Head Coach: Isaiah Suggs
Season record: 5-14 overall; 4-8 within the ISL.
MVP: Jessica Long
Coach's Award: Kathleen Glynn
All-League Honorable Mention: Julie O'Shaughnessy, Cassandra Duchard
Four Year Letter Winners: Sarah DeForrest, Kathleen Glynn, Jessica Long, Amanda Webb

Most Memorable Game:
 "The Thayer game in which we came back from being behind by nine points with five minutes to play and won the game."—I.S.



GDA's Texas Connection

by Sayer Sweeney '04

There's a saying that "everything is big in Texas," so it is not surprising that senior Rob Francois, a 6'4" 220 lb. safety slated for Boston College next fall, came to Byfield from the Lone Star State. This past fall, the Highlands native gave new meaning to the term "Texas Hold 'Em," anchoring a Governors' defense that was widely considered the best in the league — allowing an average of just 9 points a game while collecting team co-MVP, All-New England recognition, and his second consecutive 1st team All-League honors along the way.

"Having Robert at free safety really allowed our defense to try some schemes that took chances, because we knew he was there to cover up any mistakes that were made or to handle any unforeseen circumstances that arose," comments GDA head coach Mark Gerry, who has seen Francois develop into the caliber of player that he is today. "Robert was the net we used to allow us to elevate our play."

And an unforgiving safety net he was. There seemed always to be an atmosphere of anticipation around the Sager Bowl on Saturdays as fans awaited the next "bam", "boom" or "pow" that would come at the expense of one of Francois' opponents, and once again turn the high school football field into a vintage Batman episode. While his physical presence makes him an obvious force on game day, it's the work that number 2 puts in during the other six days of the week that has earned him a ticket to play for one of the nation's premier college football programs.

Big goals come at a big price, and Francois is clear on that. "I work hard in everything from warm-ups to games to practice drills because I know that that's what it takes," says Francois. "I know what I need to do to progress, and get where I want to be." That ability to define an object of desire, make a plan of how to get it, and follow that plan is a skill that Francois points to as a major reason he is where he is today. The fact of the matter is that today's young athletes are bigger, stronger, and faster than their predecessors. In a day when being a 6'3" defensive end means you are "undersized," and a prototypical college lineman weighs in at about 305 lbs., the quest to be one of the game's elite can become a game of inches. Each weight lifted, each form tackling drill, and each 100-meter sprint on a drizzly Monday afternoon takes on increased significance, as the great athletes find an advantage in that which the average athlete dismisses as trivial.

"The thing that jumped out at the coaches right away about Robert was that he took every practice very seriously. From drills to meets, the form, intensity, and effort were there every time. He got a chance to see the results of that hard work when he won the 100-meter at the New England meet and led the boys to the title," notes head track coach Tim Weir, who saw Rob earn co-MVP honors in his first year of track and field competition. "He's an extremely coachable athlete and will do very well at the next level."

That's only part of the plan for Francois, who is keeping an eye on the less immediate future.

"Since I was a little boy being taught the game by my older brother I have had dreams of playing in the NFL, and college football is one step closer to that goal," he says.

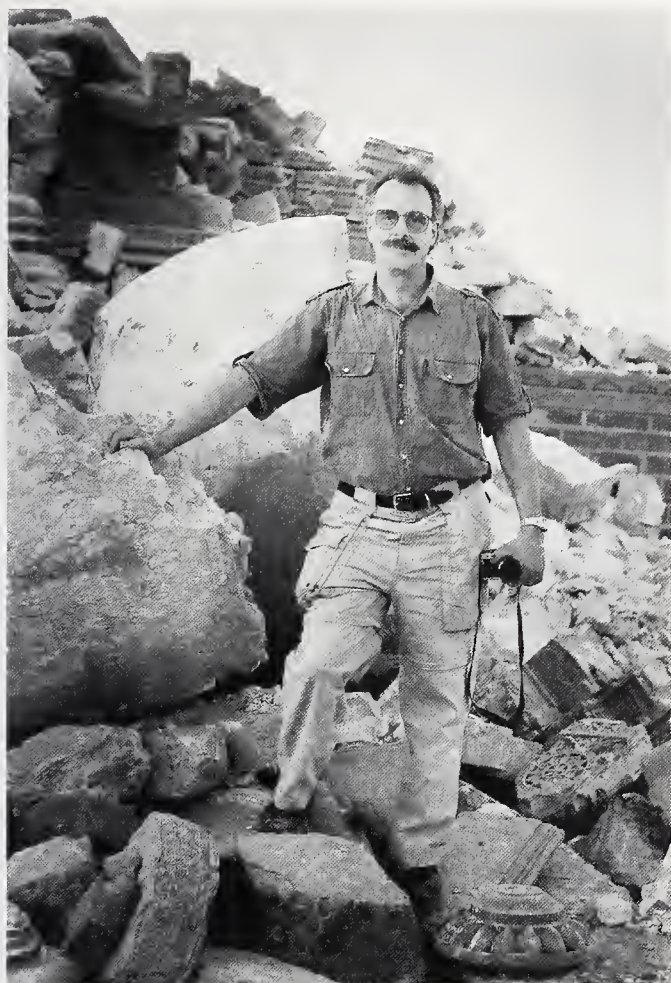
Those are pretty big dreams for an 18-year-old, but no one around here should be surprised. Big is what this kid's used to.

Sayer Sweeney is Sports Co-Editor of GDA's student newspaper, The Governor.

Photograph by Don Wiczorek '04



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Portraits of a Renaissance Man

By David Spector '03

Ran Langenbach in the ruins of an 18th century monument in Bhuj, India after the 2001 Gujarat earthquake.

Renowned historical conservationist, photographer, architect, author and athlete, Randolph Langenbach, Class of 1963, is a model Renaissance man. Ran, as he is known by friends, has never shied from questioning, and redefining, the status quo. Whether heralding the forgotten virtues of traditional constructions during earthquakes, recording the memories of otherwise neglected historic milltowns, or pioneering new forms of perspective-enhancing photography, what has marked his life work is a knack for combining his unique set of talents to create concepts and approaches larger than their parts. One evidence of the breadth of his endeavors is that his work has been funded at one time or another by all three national endowments: The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), and the National Science Foundation (NSF).

To follow the path of Ran's labyrinthine career is a challenge in itself; interests that seem secondary to a short biography have generated countless articles and books and are all vital links in his web of influence. But as with Leonardo DaVinci, who also dis-

played an insatiable curiosity, at the foundation of Ran's work is the pursuit of essential truth. "Throughout my career spanning more than three decades, my commitment in the field of historic preservation has centered on the importance of buildings as human artifacts – artifacts of construction technology throughout the ages, as well as artifacts of design," he says. "What has moved me, and what has also informed my teaching and writings in the field, has been the way buildings have the capacity to speak the history that they themselves demonstrate, and that they have witnessed."

Ran left an early mark at GDA with his track successes. In fact, his outdoor one-mile record of 4:24 still holds today, over 40 years after it was set in 1963. His passion for conservation, if less visible, also took distinct form in Byfield. Here he constructed a full-scale model of GDA's Boynton dormitory complete down to the mortise and tenons of each of the timbers. Ran recalls his early musings: "What fascinated me was the actual materials that made up the house from structure to finishes – how the parts were put together, and how this structure communicated the aesthetic and historical significance

as an artifact."

After graduation from GDA, Ran spent a year in England before entering Harvard. Abroad, he had ample opportunity to foster an interest in photography. "Nineteen sixty-four was the pivotal time in the development of my preservation focus," he says. He returned home and began taking pictures of the historic Amoskeag Millyard in Manchester, NH as an independent study in college. "My attraction to this place was shaped by my year in Europe, where I had become aware of cities that displayed the tight-knit, almost organic character of places that had evolved over centuries. What was once the world's largest textile mill complex, the Amoskeag Millyard, shared that quality and coherence – as unlikely as that might seem."

Ran soon discovered that civic leaders and professional planners did not share his newly sophisticated sense of urban quality, and much of the millyard was destroyed under Urban Renewal and the pretense of the "modern city." The mills were preserved only in his photography, which he displayed in a National Endowment for the Arts funded exhibition called "Amoskeag: A



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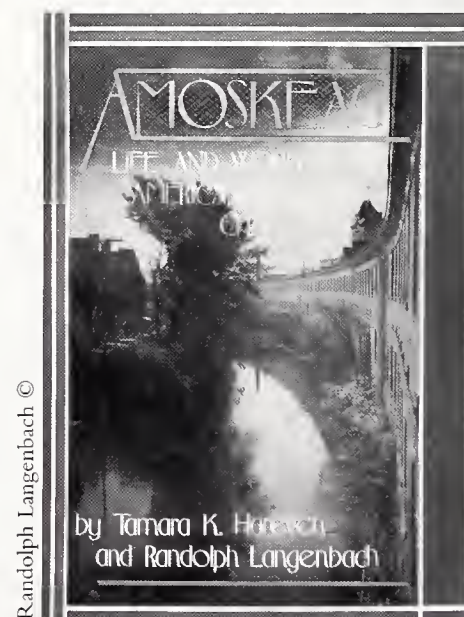
Terme Grande from the Piranesi Project

Sense of Place and a Way of Life” at the Currier Gallery of Art in Manchester, NH, in 1975. In a book he co-authored with his wife, noted historian Tamara Hareven, he combined the photographs with testimonials from some of the 11,000 people who attended the exhibit. *Amoskeag: Life and Work in an American Factory City* remains in print and is one of the most respected accounts of mill life.

Later projects involved documenting mills in England and India. In all, Ran has published over twenty articles and books on historic milltowns and has successfully shifted the paradigms of conservation, bringing milltowns into the realm of human arti-

facts worthy of respect. In addition, he has written on other even more difficult topics in the field of historic preservation. “While the milltown sometimes had a negative meaning,” he explains, “there are other places that are important to preserve specifically because they are symbols of man’s inhumanity to man – including the concentration camps of the Third Reich.” This determination to tackle tough philosophical issues in his work has given Ran an international reputation as a historical conservationist. He has, throughout his career, been a prolific and forceful contributor to the dialogue on conservation.

After a trip to Kashmir, India, Ran



Randolph Langenbach ©

Langenbach co-authored *Amoskeag: Life and Work in an American Factory City* with his wife, historian Tamara Hareven

opened yet another new avenue in his conservation focus: buildings threatened not by human impulse but at the whim of the earth itself. He made a pivotal observation in the historic city of Srinagar: "[Srinagar] seemed like a medieval town – with a vernacular masonry architectural tradition that had been noted as resistant to earthquakes." Ran undertook a study of traditional buildings and documented evidence supporting his hypothesis that the old masonry can stand up to earthquakes. Once again he found himself at odds with conventional wisdom, particularly in California where he had begun: "While I found that historic masonry buildings were being condemned and gutted in California, the multi-story mills in New England had been subjected to tremendous shaking every working day in reaction to the motion of the looms. Rarely did they fall down, and many masonry buildings survived earthquakes repeatedly for centuries."

Unfortunately, much of Ran's research, along with most of his photography and all of his book manuscript on the milltowns, was destroyed when his house burned down in the 1991 Oakland Firestorm. But his early findings, published in a paper, "Bricks, Mortar, and Earthquakes," were finally recognized by the conservation community a decade later. In 2000, he was invited to give the keynote address at a conference in Istanbul called "Earthquake-Safe: Lessons to be Learned from Traditional Construction." Since then, Ran has become an international spokesperson for traditional construction, and has published many influential articles. In 1992 he was appointed a Senior Disaster Recovery Analyst in Building Technology by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), a position he retained until this spring.

Ran returned to India in 2001 at the request of UNESCO to survey earthquake damage to cultural sites in Bhuj. One of the most culturally rich areas of the world, Bhuj is now threatened by the demands of modernization in addition to the losses inflicted

by the earthquake. Such developments trouble Ran. "I firmly believe that the protection and remembering of the lessons of history and culture are an essential ingredient to the health of a society – and can contribute to the quality of life of everyone on the planet," he says. "Buildings speak a common language; they are a public face to private or sectarian activities; they belong to the world while they are owned and used by individuals, groups or nations."



1975 Amoskeag exhibition in Manchester, NH

In 2002, Ran was awarded a prestigious Rome Prize for his work on timber-laced masonry buildings that have survived earthquakes in Turkey and India. Joining a small community of artists and scholars, he went to the American Academy in Rome to study how earthquakes have affected different types of vernacular buildings in Italy, and the scientific work going on today on the behavior of masonry walls and buildings in regions subject to earthquakes.

But Ran's career path has been anything but straight forward – one project always leading fortuitously around new corners. In Rome, he returned to his first love of photography, using the 18th-century work of Giambattista Piranesi as a starting point and

inspiration for his production of a 50-minute slide/video presentation called the "Piranesi Project: A Stratigraphy of Views of Rome." Piranesi was famous for his engravings of Roman buildings using multiple vanishing points and combining station-points to sometimes encompass as much as 180 degrees of spatial information into a single flat-field image. Ran saw the possibility of achieving the same effect – of drawing viewers into the space – with the use of digital imagery and computer programs. "I found that I could take the raw photographic images into the same realm that Piranesi inhabited as he laid out his engraving – constructing a single view from several different photographs with different vanishing points," he wrote. Combining sometimes as many as six photos to build one image, he "used scale and perspective to enrich his views, not to falsify them," enjoying freedoms available to artists but never before to photographers.

"The opportunity to do the photographic project grew out of the experience of being [in Rome]," he says. "After the 1991 firestorm destroyed my earlier work, it was a very important experience for me, as it allowed me to be a studio artist for much of the year, even while I did the research and writing on earthquakes. I hope to have the opportunity to turn the Piranesi Project into a movie."

When asked if he sees himself more as an artist or an historian, Ran rejects the dichotomy altogether. "Modern society wants to pigeon hole everyone into scripted fields. I do see myself as an artist in some of what I do, but a scholar and problem-solver as well as an artist in terms of my self-identity."

As for any visionary, the challenge of being a man ahead of his time is that everyone else has to catch up. ☞

For more information about Randolph Langenbach's work, check his website at www.Conservationtech.com.

David Spector is a 2003 graduate of GDA. He has spent the last several months working and studying politics and art history in France and Italy. David will enter Columbia University in fall 2004.

Not Your Average Family Outing

By Kristen MacKenzie Pollard '84



The following are excerpts from our weekly e-mail log.

Week 2 Bodkin Creek, Chesapeake Bay

We are in calm waters in a nice peaceful anchorage. We are eating homemade bread with honey butter, and listening to a book on tape my mom made for the kids. We left NYC on Tuesday with the wind opposing the current. Translation: crazy big waves in every direction. It is amazing how we all can see the same situation so differently. Clara fell asleep. Graham, with his harness on, knees in the cockpit, face in the wind, watched the waves crash over the bow and frantically baled the water out of the boat with a paper cup. In his mind he was sure he was saving his family from sinking. And then there was Sam. At the helm. His eyes resting a minute on the compass, moving to other instruments, then up to check sail trim. Sailing is in his blood, but it is more than that. It is a part of his being.

Week 3 Deltaville, VA

I look at the depth sounder and it says 3 feet of water. "Ah Sam, can this be right? There isn't much water in this channel." We run aground. While Sam is trying to dislodge us from the shoal, other boats are trying to avoid us and Clara, who is suspended and swinging from her harness down the companionway, says something. I ignore her, the good mother that I am. A few minutes later, in the middle of anchoring, Clara says something again. I laugh because I don't know what else to do. There is a yellow haze lofting out of the boat. Clara has dislodged the fire extinguisher. Yellow powder is everywhere. Sam, in a lifesaving attempt, took the kids off the boat while I proceeded to use a month's supply of paper towels, a package of Qtips and weeks worth of water for the clean up.

Weeks 4-6 Down the Ditch

I must admit I had some preconceived "visions" of how our days would unfold.

We knew if we analyzed and pondered our decision to take off sailing too long or too carefully, we wouldn't do it. We didn't ever want to say, "I wish we had done that sailing trip." So, in September 2002 our home life went into our attic. We sold our cars. Sam quit his job. We packed the boat and we tossed the lines and sailed away for adventures unknown...

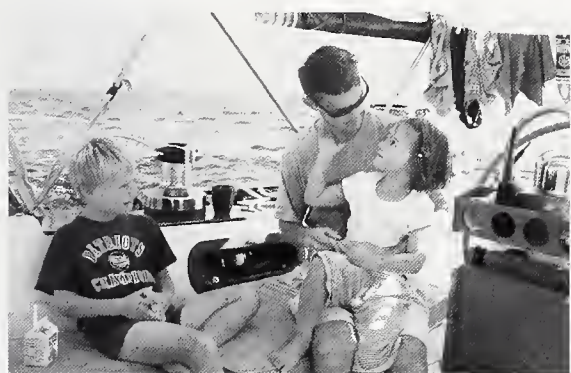
Nearly a year after my husband Sam, our children (ages 6 and 4), and I sailed south on Geo Nova, our Bristol 41.1 sailboat, we traded in our sea legs, and returned home to Marblehead. Our unforgettable journey went by so quickly. As a family we shared some intense, remarkable and positive experiences. We expanded our horizons in ways we have only begun to discover. We miss the simplicity of our boat life; however, we are home. This feels right too.

Last night's anchorage was pretty close to idyllic. We anchored with the setting sun in the South Santee River, SC, a cross-river to the ICW (Intra Coastal Waterway known as the Ditch). Surrounded by golden marsh grass, we were the sole boat. We watched the agile egrets sprinting after their prey, giving out a squawk or two in the marshes. We listened to the shrimp clicking their tails under the hull, and we dove for the cover of our cabin when the mosquitoes came to dinner.

Week 12-19 Exumas, Bahamas

We anchored in a cove off a pristine beach, not a soul in sight. We presume we have the whole island to ourselves, and it's not hard to understand why. Hawksbill Cay is part of the Exuma Land and Sea Park, which basically means you can't fish here. The only sign of mankind on the beach is an old mailbox with its red flag raised. Upon inspection, we find a notebook for cruisers dating back 12 years. Most anecdotes involved running naked on the beach and other related activities. A power boat breaks

our solitude, but the boaters bring us ice, a rare treat as we don't have refrigeration, and we share our rum and listen to their many stories of Bahamas past.



Week 20-22 Georgetown, Grand Cayman

We were entertained on many occasions during our 96-hour sail from Turks and Caicos to Grand Cayman by pods of Atlantic Spotted Dolphins. They zoomed and leapt from all directions until 15 or more were eagerly bow riding Geo Nova. One time a proud mother brought her baby along for a romp. What a sight to see a one-foot dolphin zipping along at over 6 knots. They were incredibly playful, swimming upside down, looking up at us, darting here and there, vying for that chosen spot just off the bow.

Our first attempt to leave Grand Cayman for Honduras left us 40 miles offshore, engineless and windless. We were tossed around for 14 hours by the swells and roils of the mighty ocean, Geo Nova doing circles, pitching and rolling as the sea deemed fit. The moon rose at 4 a.m. and, until that time, I had never seen so many stars. The Milky Way went from horizon to horizon and I watched Orion set. No power, no radar and we couldn't tell if the lights on the horizon were stars or ships. Morning brought wind, so we raised the sails and sailed back to the Caymans. The kids and I checked into a hotel for a week with swimming pool, air conditioning, laundry, a bar and a bed that didn't rock.

Week 26-27 Belize

We've been occupying ourselves with white water rafting down the Congrejal River in Honduras, hiking waterfalls in the Pico Bonito National Rainforest, touring with Roberto, our machete-wielding guide, visiting Mayan ruins in Honduras and Belize, swimming in agua caliente, and hav-

ing a one-week visit in Belize with my parents.

This trip has made us ponder the wonder of so many things. Here we are at Copan Ruinas, an ancient Mayan city. Sam and I stand in awe of the Hieroglyphic Stairway. This one temple holds the longest known text left by the Maya, 300 stairs telling a tale of history and lineage. The glyphs can't be read completely because most have fallen out of place. Something enters my peripheral vision. It is Graham. Running free. He is engrossed with this fluffy cotton stuff which is coming from the towering Ceiba tree. He is tossing it up, letting the wind carry it. He is cramming his pockets with it. He is full of it, caring not a bit for the tale our guide is weaving about civilization 1500 years ago. Wonder is all a matter of perspective.



Weeks 39-42 up the East Coast

Move north, the wind whistles, and we do. We've enjoyed our journey up the east coast by venturing off the beaten path of the ICW. We detoured along North Carolina's Outer Banks and visited the historic towns of Ocracoke (a famous pirate hangout) and Manteo (site of the earliest British settlement in the US—the one that disappeared). Our determination to climb the Cape Hatteras lighthouse led us to hitchhike across two islands after we discovered there was no taxi service. A family of four hitchhiking is quite a spectacle.

The water was high enough so we took the 22-mile Dismal Swamp Canal which connects NC Sound to Norfolk, VA. Construction started in 1893 and took 12 years to build using slave labor. It is the old-

est continually operating waterway in the US. George Washington hauled lumber from his plantation through the canal.



Weeks 43-48 Maine. The last log of Geo Nova

The sun is setting earlier. August is drawing to a close. Forty-eight weeks on Geo Nova and I have that inevitable "September Feeling." It stems from school days past. I know it's been years since my schedule has revolved around the school calendar, but that cyclical sense of ending and beginning has been imprinted upon me. That sweet regret of summer vacations drawing near. The excitement and anticipation of new beginnings. We are two days away from ending our 11-month journey that has taken us away from our home in Marblehead to seven countries and to so many adventures aboard our sailboat. Graham and Clara will embark on their own new journeys in school, and Sam and I will have "career" decisions to make. We are coming home. 🍷

The Pollards' new landlubber "adventure" is Mud Puddle Toys and Children's Furniture in Marblehead.





S T R E E T P

By David Oxtan

GDA photography teacher David Oxtan has been working for three years on a "street portrait" photo project as part of a Master of Fine Arts program at Rockport College in Maine. He photographs strangers on the streets of small New England cities and towns, using an artificial light and inviting his subjects to "perform their own portraits." Sometimes he will bring a small wooden box and ask people to stand on it. An exhibit of David's work is planned for the gallery at GDA in the near future. Below is an excerpt from a paper David wrote about his work.

My street portraits have obvious manipulations going on in them. I accept the fact that every time I use a camera to make a portrait on the street, I engage in numerous manipulations. Some of the manipulations are fairly apparent – the way I ask a subject to pose, the angle of view I choose to shoot from, the moment I choose to shoot, the lighting, the framing. But there are lots of tiny, subtle manipulations that occur that are significant: the way I select my subjects, the

places where I choose to photograph, the details I include in the background, the images I select in the editing process. The list is huge, and it includes every consideration I make during the entire portrait process.

I accept the notion that my street portraits are contrived situations – I ask strangers to pose for me on the street. I have no idea what people are really like other than what I can tell from their appearances. That said, I think a good portrait tells us some wonder-



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ful things about the surface of a person, but I don't think a portrait is capable of showing what is inside a person. It can't reveal their thoughts and feelings. I'm suspicious of any photographer who claims that a portrait can uncover some hidden truths about a person. To me, a good portrait is like an unforgettable first impression. When I first meet people, I get an immediate impression of them based on all the tiny visual clues I pick up about them – their clothes, their body lan-

guage, the way they purse their lips – and I make assessments about them. I don't know anything about them, but surprisingly I believe that I know something about their character based on the way they present themselves to me. I make immediate, intuitive judgments about people. We all do, I think. It's part of what makes "people watching" so fascinating. We guess what other people are like based on their appearances. A good portrait, for me, provides a lasting

impression of a person, but I recognize that it is about the surface of a person, not the whole, real person.

I know that I can choose to photograph my subjects in ways that make them look good or bad. I control the camera, so I get to decide which lens to use, what angle of view to shoot from, the lighting, the moment to trip the shutter. My subjects have no idea what my agenda is. And so I accept the falseness of the arrangement. I go with it.

Once a person is aware of the camera, it is impossible to pretend that the situation is "real," so I figure the best thing for me to do is to accept the artificiality of the process and try to get something worthwhile from it.

Most of the people I meet on the street are going about their days in fairly ordinary ways. I stop them, explain my portrait ideas to them, show them my setup with my artificial light and my camera, and explain to them what I want to do. I offer them a chance to participate in a little street theatre that will produce a portrait – their portrait. Most people need to trust that I won't exploit them or make them look bad,

and they have to want to "perform their own portraits," which to me simply means that they must be willing to put on a mask they want others to know them by. I don't think most people want others to see them the way they really look – they suspect that is too ordinary. They want to look out of the ordinary. They have parts they want to play, and masks they want to wear.

I call myself a street portraitist rather than a street photographer because I engage my subjects, I make them pose, and I create portraits of them on the street. The big difference, for me, between a pure, "classic"

street photographer and a street portraitist is the act of engagement. When I look at the work of photographers like Robert Frank or Garry Winogrand, I don't get the sense that they ever engaged, or wanted to engage, the people in their street photos.

Selecting subjects is an interesting part



of the portrait process on the street. Unlike a studio, where subjects come to the photographer, a street photographer has to search for his subjects. I don't really have a scientific method of choosing people on the street. There are some people I try not to photograph – people whose appearances are so exaggerated that they seem like caricatures. I try to stay away from people who look especially disturbed or unfortunate. I usually prefer to pay attention to people who are not trying to call attention to themselves. Perhaps I find it more of a challenge. Perhaps I like the fact they seem to appreci-

ate the attention I give them. Perhaps I want to say something about regular, quiet, common, everyday kind of people. I'm not really sure.

Surprisingly, very few people say no. I am always amazed at how willing people are to work with me. I try to include them in the creative process by explaining what I am looking for. They will often ask me, "What do you want me to do?" I tell them that I'm not sure, but that I just want them to commit to the process and give me something extra, something that they don't typically express in a portrait. Almost everybody responds in the same way – they look at me seriously and say, "yes, OK," and they are

ready. They act as if they had been waiting a long time for someone to ask them to put on their special masks. It is actually quite touching. I express an interest in them, which seems to flatter them. I am giving them my attention. We all seem to want to be selected and made special. I suppose that I play on that desire when I make a portrait of a stranger on the street. ■

David Oxtan has taught photography at GDA since 1992.

Run, Nina, Run

By Kelsey Quigley '04

As he reads articles proclaiming Nina Caron's successes as a marathon runner, Coach David Abusamra shakes his head at the fact that Caron, who graduated from GDA in 1977, never ran during her time here. Though she was a capable athlete in high school, playing field hockey, lacrosse, basketball, and volleyball, Caron did not discover running until college, and even then she ran for recreation rather than competition. In fact, Nina Caron only started to compete seriously three years ago; since then a series of notable successes have earned her a prominent position in the world of distance running.

Caron now trains with the illustrious head coach of the Merrimack Valley Striders, Scott Fernando, to whom she credits a great deal of her success. Times of 2:45:07 in the Chicago Marathon on October 12, 2003 and 2:57:26 in the Cape Cod Marathon, where she was the first female finisher, have led her to train for the Olympic Marathon time trial. The

time trial was scheduled for April 3, 2004 in St. Louis, where a sub 2:38:00 time would qualify Caron for the Games.

Caron balances her training with a family and part-time job. She and her husband, Gerry, are the parents of four children: Alison (15), Tim (13), Jenny (11),

is half the battle.

Nina Caron's talent as a distance runner may have eluded Coach Abu during her time at GDA, but their paths did cross in Parson's Schoolhouse, where the two shared a passion for the French language. Caron, who received the Moody-Kent Prize for French at GDA, recalls experiencing at GDA a faculty unique in the level of their commitment to the students; such devotion, she says, equipped her with an inimitable education.

Moving forward, Caron hopes to achieve recognition on the national level; perhaps we will even be watching her in Athens this summer! Indeed, the physical talent and mental toughness that have led

her this far will dictate successes to come. "If you have a dream," Caron says, "then go for it." And though Coach Abu surely wishes that she had discovered and pursued that dream 27 years ago, he and the GDA community take great pride in following Caron's inspiring career today. 🍀

Kelsey Quigley was a captain of the championship 2003 GDA girls' cross-country team.



and Michael (8). While studying for a Master's Degree in Nutrition, Caron also works as a fitness instructor - a career that preceded her involvement in running but has certainly influenced her approach to training and competition. Though her talents may lead her to the Olympics, Caron considers her ability to manage various commitments one of her greatest accomplishments. Making it to the starting line, she says,

The Caron family pictured above from left to right: Tim (13), Alison (15), Nina '77, Michael (8), Jenny (11), and Gerry.

Pre-1939

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Reunions
Class of 1929 - 75th
Class of 1934 - 70th

In a recent class letter I wrote about the current fees in the private schools in Northern Essex County, and I asked if anyone could remember the fees at GDA in the mid thirties. **Bob Kirkpatrick '37** wrote to me that he had transferred into our school in 1936, and at that time the fees per boarding students was \$1,500. **Put Flint '37** also wrote a note saying that the boarders paid \$1,500. I don't remember what my folks paid for me to attend as a day student, but I seem to remember that the fee to ride to and from Newburyport with Fuzzy Babineau in the school station wagon was about \$90 per year. The rates that Bob and Put remember sound low, but at that time my dad was running a high wage print shop and a journeyman's printer earned \$1.00 per hour. In Newbury you could hire a strong boy to do yard work for as little as 10 to 15 cents per hour.

Marshall Brown '29 has retired from the insurance business and is still living in Ipswich. His hobbies include carving shore birds and half models of ship hulls. He and Virginia have been married 67 years and have seven great grandchildren. He is now 91 years old, and Virginia is 90. I suspect that they are the oldest couple on the alumni list.

Stuart and Alma Barnard '33 have spent the last 20 years in retirement in Florida, but they have recently moved to Boylston, MA to be closer to their children and grandchildren. Much of his letter was about Phil Cobb, a great GDA master who was killed in an automobile accident in November 1938. Stuart also wrote about spending summers at

Camp Winona which was operated by Phil Cobb. If any of you have memories of this master, you might send them to me. They would make an interesting portion of one of our future class letters.

Seth Baker '34 sent me a very brief note saying that he is "still here," and is very happy with his status. From the shortness of his note I assume that during the last year he has had no admissions to a hospital. I wish that I could make the same report.

John Whittlesey '33 is one of the ten remaining members of the Class of '33. Last June was the 70th anniversary of their graduation. He says that his years in Byfield are among his fondest memories. John and his wife Barbara are still living in their home of many years in Chappaqua, NY.

Charlie Somerby '37 spent his entire working life in the newspaper business, and as a writer published many columns. He has recently assembled about a hundred of those published in various papers between 1960 and 1980. He was kind enough to send me a copy, and one especially struck home. It was advice given to him by his father. Charlie was told to never bet against the Yankees and never bet on the Red Sox. I wonder if we should all bet against the Red Sox next year, and with those contributions they might finally win the World Series.

Bill and Mary Ferris '38 have been on the road most of the last year, with trips to golf resorts in California, Hawaii, and Washington State. The Christmas Holidays were spent in Maryland with their youngest daughter and three grandchildren. He enjoyed the golf, but made no comments about his scores. Perhaps some of you golfers can tell me how to interpret his lack of comment about scores. You should note that he used the term Christmas Holidays. In much of California that term is no longer politically correct and the local schools are having a winter break instead of a Christmas Holiday. I wonder which term is now being used at GDA?

Bob Seavey '38 has joined me in the club of past cataract patients. He too reports that his vision is better than it has been in years. He retired three years ago at the age of 80 and spends the warmer months in East



Tom Tenney '39 and John Klotz '39

Alton, NH, in an old farmhouse. His nephew owns the property that once belonged to Bob's great grandparents, and Bob visited the family farm every summer as a boy. As a hobby he collects antique boats and cars and he has plenty of space to store them in a barn on his current property. Bob didn't say if he is officially a resident of New Hampshire, but I suspect he is because of that state's better tax rates. In the winter he is unlike many of our group, as he migrates south to Massachusetts instead of Florida.

Alan and Margaret Bullwinkle '38 had a double celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary. The first was an intimate family luncheon, hosted by their daughter. The second was a reception that followed the regular church service on the following Sunday. Alan is still doing research on old houses in his area and sings once a week at an evening church service.

1939

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With our 65th approaching, I'm hoping

those grads in the Class of '39 from whom I haven't heard will still make every effort to descend on Byfield at Reunion time. Certainly those alums who live in the area could easily make this trip. Take it from me: GDA goes all out to welcome its grads, particularly members of five-year classes.

Phil Simpson and Sue have joined Alice and me for the past several years at reunion time and are looking forward to once again making the trip to Byfield. The Simpsons are presently spending the winter in Kissimmee, FL. They are great party people and will make sure you have a warm welcome at our reunion.

My loyal contributor, **John Klotz**, is still on the move, having returned from an eight-day stay in London where he visited the Wimbledon grass courts and the new clubhouse. He checked out Lord's Cricket Court, shopped Piccadilly and Harrod's, and visited the Tower of London. John continues to play tennis and golf although not on the same day. He keeps active by eating a low calorie and carb diet. No wonder he continues to lead an active life. Hopefully he will make it to our 65th. What an interesting life he leads.

Tom Tenney says there is nothing new, although he apparently headed to Vail, CO for Xmas along with the Tenney gang. Prior to that, he spent three months in Woodstock, VT area. He didn't go into details of his activities except to say that his golf and tennis still stink. Not only that, but drinking is at a standstill. Hopefully he will make the reunion. He needs some cheering up.

John Gannett continues to be active in his hobbies of railroading and boating. Apparently his daughter has caught the railroad bug as she is operating that L&B RR and "wants it to go outdoors," whatever that means. John is running U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary patrols in Silver River, Florida. He says that his wife "is a jewel of the finest kind." That says it all!!

It doesn't seem possible to **Chuck Hewitt** that it will be our 65th. I'm sure everyone in our class will agree. He hopes to attend the reunion with his wife, Dorothy, who is recovering from back surgery. Hopefully, she will be able to make the trip and join with us in celebrating our anniversary.

Tom Parker's wife, Esther, reports that they

would like nothing better than to attend our 65th but, due to Tom's back problem, travel is out of the question. They both attended our 50th and 55th which brought back pleasant memories for me in particular as Tom paved the way for me to seek my fortune on Wall Street a couple of years after graduation. Needless to say, I'm still seeking the fortune back in my home state of Vermont with no regrets. 65th in 2004!

1940

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David Solomon and Ronnie are new great grandparents - a beautiful girl named Samantha. Dave is approaching 100% retirement but still dabbling in some research on measuring the quality of health care for our oldest patients. Also, he's working on developing a residential community for retired U.C.L.A. family and staff and trying to break 100 in golf.

Bob Goodspeed continues business with the shearling tannery in China which continues to grow as they get into more manufactured items. Bob's contract has been extended 10 years. He hopes to still be around. Combined, Joanne and Bob have eight children and 20 grandchildren. This fills up the other part of their lives - six months in New Hampshire and six months in Florida.

Ben Wright says he hasn't much news to report. The last year has been spent primarily with his wife, Mary Louise, who is fighting pancreatic cancer. She is still here and feeling fairly well. "We just want our blessings one day at a time." Ben is still busy with skating activities as Historian.

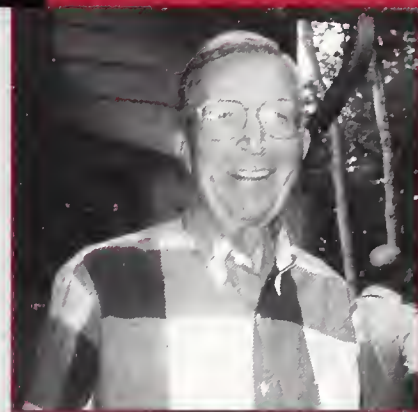
James Dodge's wife Mary sadly reports Jim died on December 10, 2003. All of their children were able to be with Mary and Jim and many of their grandchildren too -- all a great comfort to Mary and each other.

George Stobie's wife wrote to tell us George died in September 2003 at home after a long illness.



Schoolhouse Society

Remember what you loved about being a student at GDA? Pass it on.



Bob Lyle '40

"Having lost my father at age 8, I welcomed the four-year exposure to a faculty which included Philip Cobb, Mac Murphy, Buster Navins, Tom Mercer and Art Sager. I came away with a respect for the high standards those men exemplified. Today, Governor Dummer is staffed with the same quality teachers and deserves support so the students who follow may experience the same influence."

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Dave Jarvis writes: "I'm still at [my restaurant], The Chart Room in Cataumet, but like race horses when they get old, it's out to the pasture (no stud fees). I'm in the kitchen, and they call it expediting. The Chart

Room is still fun, but only for six months."

Bill Macmillan writes: "Let me bring you up to date. My wife and I moved back to Vermont three years ago after a 24-year tour of duty in Alabama, 14 at the University of Alabama. We enjoyed the South even if we couldn't make all the societal changes we thought would be to their advantage. We returned to Burlington for my wife, Anne, to take advantage of a superb nursing home specializing in dementia (Alzheimer's, probably, diagnosed 14 years ago). She is 15 miles away from our new carriage house, so my live-in companion, an 11-year old Doberman, Tana (a dream of a dog), and I see her daily. In our retirement, beginning in 1990, we had opportunities for extensive travel. Have not seen Antarctica, but don't feel deprived; nor China, which did disappoint us. Lived in Ethiopia for two years while working for The Ford Foundation. We did get to such exotic sounding places as The Holy Land, India, Nepal, Egypt, Patagonia, Thailand, New Zealand, Belize, The Seychelles, Galapagos, much of Europe, US and Canada. Our health has been generally good other than Anne's AD, and my osteoarthritis leading to two hips and a knee replaced. In November, our three children (52, 50 and 48 years old) gave me a surprise 80th birthday party. Plans for the future? Anne's care of paramount importance. Eighteen inches of snow on the ground [in Burlington], not a cloud in the sky, 15°. Pretty nice! Vermont is beautiful!!"

Bill Hill writes from Maine: "Greetings again. We are doing very well. But we are 'too young to be this old'. How true. Think about it. We are as old as we feel and think. Think GDA, help to the future of GDA. We have lots more to do in our lifetime; hopefully it will be accomplished. Staying here in Maine satisfies us rather than running south. And we're still driving a car! Classmates: keep in touch. Time is passing too quickly!"

Bill's last lines seem like a good place to end this report.

1943

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This class secretary thing can be a drag. You '43ers will have to do better. All I've gotten this time is a note that **George Twombly** died in July and an e-mail from **Bob Wood** that he had a cancer problem in his stomach. Our very best wishes go to Bob and our condolences to George's family.

The **Ben Brewsters** seem to wake up each morning and find something to occupy the day. There is some danger that we will travel to New Zealand to see our daughter and family who are there for six months or so. We will accept any and all contributions toward first class tickets. The thought of 23 hours in steerage class is intimidating. I urge each of you to go and see what they have done to your school. It is most impressive and might even get you to let the rest of us know what you are doing. Then I will have something to report. Cheers.

1944

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60th Class Reunion June 11, 12, 13 2004

Ed Tarbell reports that in June of last year he said goodbye to his mother who lived to an age of 97.5. (Woo! What's your target?) He misses her a lot. Looking through her things he found a Class of 1944 commencement card with all our names on it. He's using the internet with the help of his #3 son. He is

proud of his oldest granddaughter who is graduating from Harvard this year.

Ben Pearson says he has tried to get Dennis on Email to no avail so he is going to have to read the directions on how to operate the "Damn Machine." (Ben is a late bloomer as far as computers are concerned.) He continues: "Just returned from our annual driven pheasant trip to Cornwall. Had wonderful shooting. Noticed I'm getting older."

Pinky Whitney reports that his grandson Alexander is "...out there in Byfield somewhere and enjoying the school very much – He's at that age when I can remember coming to life as there were girls around – I'd dream of coming home to see one, and he has them in school and in class. Wow!" (Will Alexander and his buddies see this?) He hears from "Squaw" Waugh once in a while. He's still going to try to get out to Groton to see Jim in action coaching their baseball team. Pinky says Jim learned it all from Buster.

George "Skipper" Kingsley, my roommate during senior year, wrote that he read an interesting book, *The Splinter Fleet* by Theo. Treadwell. The book is about sub-chasers in WWII. Skipper's sub-chaser, SC1312, is mentioned in the book. He assumes I was on bigger ships. Not so. I spent one day on a ship in commission (a fleet tug going to a golf game in British Columbia) in the Navy in 20 years of commissioned service. I was in the Civil Engineer Corps of the Navy, not a sea-going outfit – Seabees! (Note: Skipper has been a dedicated career teacher and soccer coach in western Virginia. He probably made more positive difference in more lives than most of us.)

Andy Brillhart says he and his wife have the same heart MD. Andy says, "That's togetherness!" He drove to Detroit to the casino for his 77th birthday a month ago and they were off to South Texas after Christmas.

Gordon Hoyt has a question for classmates: "Who else was in English 4A with Tom Mercer during the '43-'44 term?" He can remember **Jim Waugh** and "**Baron**" von Saltze – who else? (Your secretary can't remember that far back.) Also, "Who went with 'Uncle Tom' to Othello in Boston? Cast was Jose Ferrer, Paul Robeson and [?]"

Hagen.” (Can’t read his writing for Hagen’s first name.)

Teresa and I are going on a ten-day Caribbean cruise starting 31 January – her first. We will move from our home in Kingsmill to a townhouse in Kingsmill in April. Downsizing!

I heard from **Murray Monroe** ('43). He and his two brothers are GDA alums. Mr. Eames visited the Monroes in Delray Beach, FL in '42. My mom met Ted at the Monroe home and Ted arranged a scholarship so I could go to GDA. The rest is history. Hope to see some of you at our 60th.

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Bill Page reports: “I sold the lobster boat and am now a full-time residential maintenance mechanic, ocean watcher and companion to my lovely bride of 52 years.”

David Barnard writes: “Barnard Real Estate is in its 55th year. Sue and I spend summer periods at our cottage on Brand Pond in Naples, Maine. Donald and Richard deserve medals!!!”

A card received in February from **Warren Furth** says, “Margaret and I have just returned from a trip to India, where our daughter lives. All three of us toured southern India! Goa and Kerala. A marvelous experience: beautiful countryside, nice people and a warm climate even in January.”

Lou Hamper's wife, Jelane, sent a note saying, “Lou has been very ill since a major stroke four years ago. He is unable to talk, but does walk some, understanding what is going on, and has a quality life. He always loved the time at Governor Dummer. Possibly our grandson Samuel will apply in another year. Who knows, but Lou would love to have him choose his school.”

Thank you for writing, Jelane, and all best wishes to you both.

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The Class of '47 extends its deepest condolences to **Peter Sutton** on the passing of his beloved wife Jean Sager Sutton, daughter of the late Art Sager of the Old Guard.

Jane and David Wilcox celebrated their 50th in July with family and friends. David is now fully retired, living on Cape Cod most of the year, but spending six to eight weeks in Naples, Florida, in February and March.

Bill Brown '47 and **Dick Walsh '46** have recently been elected into the Wall of Fame at Newburyport High School for excellence in athletics. Congratulations to both.

Bish Peale is busy fending off invasions from the border.

Joe Welch is reading **Charlie McLaughlin's** new book with great pleasure.

Ed Tarbell '44 checked in with a postcard of Newcastle with Portsmouth and Kittery in the background. The Tarbell and Ambrose families were very close during the 40s. Ed used to take my sister June sailing in his classic O boat.

Jack Deering and I are forming a posse to come after those of you who have failed to participate in GDA Annual Giving. Please, if you have not done so—DO SO!

Dan Hall writes: “Thought I would throw something into the pot for Governor Dummer class news. I have continued my employment at Pine Street Inn (homeless shelter in Boston) three days a week. This involves working that part of the program

where residents must attend lots of AA-type meetings, submit to drug testing every week, and agree to undertake a training program that will eventually result in employment and a move toward independent living. It is a tough haul for many and the success rate is somewhat limited. The staff for this 135-man program is very committed and a pleasure to work with. Another part of my life has been taken up with genealogy research in Boston, Taunton, Wales, and the Shetland Islands in Scotland. The result has been a series of family stories on a few of our early American ancestors. Two sons with three children between them live in town (Duxbury) and we all help each other in various ways. One teaches at Plymouth High School and the other is an automobile mechanic who comes in very handy for all of us. Once a week I get over to Quincy to play ice hockey along with **Bill Bailey** and brother **Manson**. Sometimes we think we are skating very fast, but when we return to the bench and look out at other players, we realize we are really moving pretty slowly!”

1948

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Well, as of this writing I only received six (6) responses to my request for news from you-all. Hopefully we can have a better showing for the next Archon. Actually I guess I can't say too much for myself either. I did manage to briefly step into the State of Maine over Labor Day weekend but was unable to contact a couple of good friends up there. Please don't come down hard on me. It's tough to get old! I was in and out of Florida over Thanksgiving and Christmas, spending time with my daughter from California and my Navy CMD son, both of whom we do not see very often. I did hear, however, that two classmates residing in Florida were so concerned having not heard from me that they were scanning the obituaries to see if “old Bob” had left the scene for good. Not yet, guys! All I can say is, please forgive me. Now for news from our class:

Webster Kitchell writes: “Life is good de-

spite Bush and the Republicans – Life is still good despite Parkinson's which takes its toll of joy. I am surrounded by love, and that is grace."

Pete Case attended GDA's championship football game (in Milton) with **Bill Bailey '47** and **Dan Hall '47**. "What a team! What a 'juggernaut!' Hope 2004 brings peace, prosperity and good health to all."

Jim Geyer says: "I am very much enjoying retirement North of Baltimore surrounded by farm land. I'm still working at golf, racquetball and bowling. My son, Tom, and I just received a patent for a different bicycle seat which we designed using Autocad. We are about to build the prototype to find out if it works."

Bill Richter wrote me: "Hi Bob, Merry Christmas and HNY." Thanks Bill, same to you and your family.

Dick Macnair writes: "Once again re-elected Secretary of the American Begonia Society. Enjoy going to quarterly board meetings, shows or conventions around the country. This year included Oklahoma City and Fort Worth. Continue to spend as much time as possible on the Maine Coast in Bremen, caring for perennial beds and a large vegetable garden. Also still involved in the New England Spring Flower Show serving on the Nomenclature Committee. If you see Horticulture Magazine, look in the Mar-Apr '04 issue which is planned to feature this committee."

I always like to hear from my good friend **Ash Eames**. Not so much that we are good friends, but also because I have the damndest time deciphering his printing. Don't take it to heart, Ash, people can't read my writing either. Anyway, Ash says that he will be in Sarasota, Florida through April. His phone number is 941-918-9463 and he's at 1601 Pelican Point Drive, Pelican Cove. He says, "Have had a great visit with **Manson Hall '49** and **Tom Emery '49** on the Cape and **Pete Dunning** in Sunapee, NH. Love to have GDA visitors in Wentworth or Sarasota." (Hope I got that right, Ash).

1949

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55th Class Reunion

June 11, 12, 13 2004

GREETINGS!

Manson Hall and wife Alison have given us a fascinating recount and photos of their three-week safari in Nairobi, Kenya, in 2003 from November 11 to December 1. "Alison and I decided to celebrate our joint birthday on November 5 and boarded a plane for London for a week's visit to London's fa-

in each car) with three very professional and personable Kenya Safari guides. I don't know exactly what we expected in the first day, but what we encountered was an abundance of East Africa's bird life. Being novice bird watchers, we wasted precious seconds trying to focus our binoculars just to locate birds that were pointed out to us. In time we became familiar with the secretary bird, the white-fronted bee-eater, lilac-breasted roller, many weavers making nests but especially the golden palm weaver, the superb starling and many dozen others. As for animals, we saw them all – lions, cheetahs, leopards, many from the antelope family including impala, gazelles, springbok, gemsbok and reedbuck, hippos, giraffes, elephants and all their little ones. But what is far more intriguing than just spotting animals sleeping or grazing is to observe specific behavior. We watched a baby zebra being born – kicking its way out of the birthing bag while its mother fought off female zebras who seemed more than curious. After 50 minutes, mother zebra led baby zebra across the open plain and into



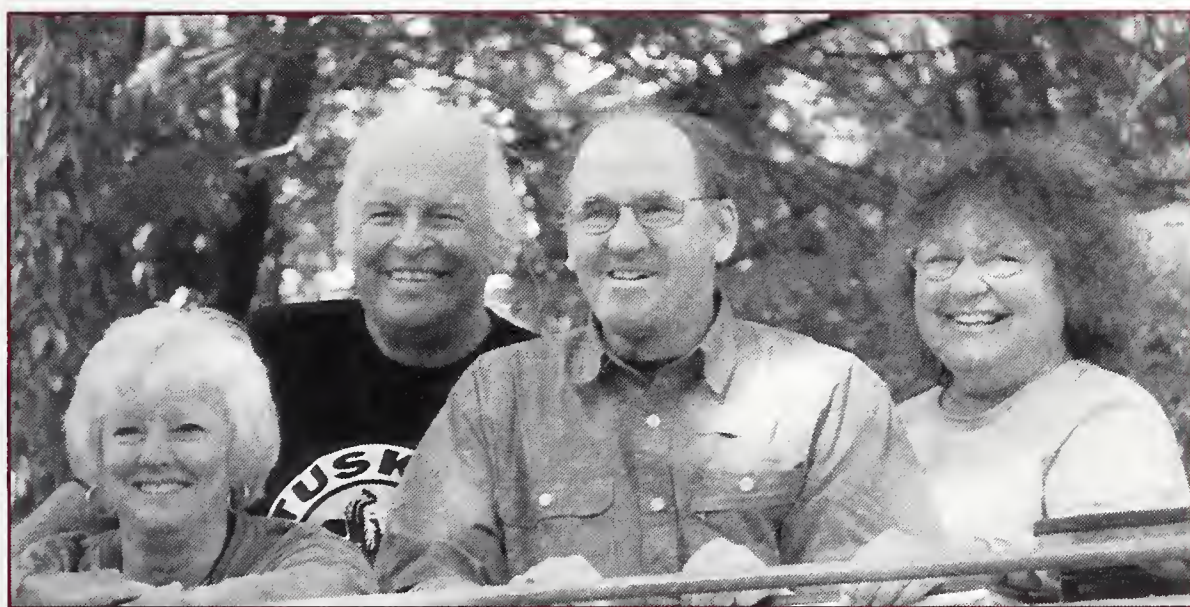
Gale and Tom '49 Emery enjoying Port Townsend, Washington

mous theaters. From London, we flew to Nairobi, Kenya where we met an Amherst College classmate, his wife and eight friends. We had never been on anything like a safari before, and here we were meeting at the Old British Norfolk Hotel to spend three weeks exploring six of Kenya's marvelous national parks. We set off with three Landrovers (four

nearby brush in hopes of security cover from various cats and hyenas. We watched with surprise to see a small herd of African Cape Buffalo chase a pregnant female lion. And we also watched a family of cheetahs sleeping, playing and eventually jumping up on our vehicles. Three weeks of a safari may be more time than most would like to spend,



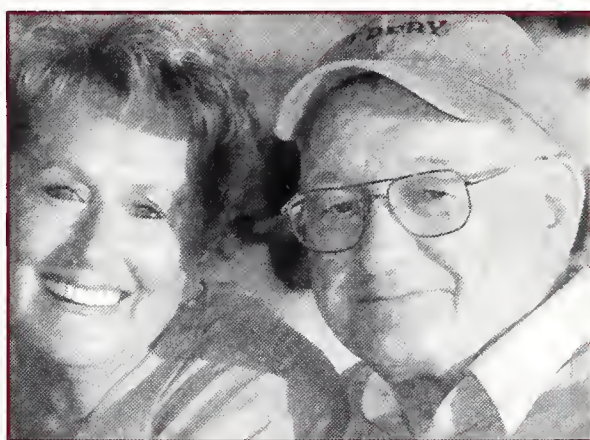
Alison Hall, wife of Manson '49, taking pictures of cheetahs playing on the jeep.



Manson'49 and Alison Hall with an Amherst classmate on an African Safari in November 2003

but it is a very special experience to spend two weeks in Maasai National Park and look out of an evening to see many thousands of wildebeest and zebras, set against the horizon as the sun sets, moving along their annual migration. Meanwhile, we are wintering in Chatham and hoping that some classmates will call to say they are on the Cape and have time to drop over for a drink, a meal or even a bed. 508-945-9284."

Bud Frame writes: "Peggy Frame has a new stainless steel knee to keep airport security on their toes; in Venture Capital 100% and going for sixth trip to Buenos Aires in early March to check my backswing; all three sons and daughters-in-laws and ten grandchildren (6 boys, 4 girls) in Rochester... What could be better! Warmer temperatures could be better!" I hope in the next Archon issue Bud will write us about golf in Buenos Aires and provide some pictures of the links.



Treby Johnson '49 and wife Arline

Treby Johnson writes: "Married March 15, 2003 in Honolulu to long-time friend Arline. We live happily beside the ocean in Maine. We keep busy with 27 children and grandchildren and being director of the lighthouse and also of a school. The picture of Arline and me was taken in 2002. Our best to you all."

Rick Tyler reports: "Ed and Zoe Veasey were

here at Alta skiing last week. Had great snow and excellent weather. Ann and I skied with them most of the week and had a wonderful visit. They will be back in March."

Ed Veasey writes: "Just returned from Alta, Utah for a week of skiing. As usual, we contacted **Rick and Anne Tyler** in Salt Lake City and had a great chance to ski with them for three days under ideal conditions. Will join them again the first week of March for more skiing at Park City."

Arch des Cognets reports from warm, sunny Australia: "I don't understand why more classmates don't come out here in the beautiful summer weather. Australians even like Americans, as do the Kiwi in New Zealand. Fax at 011-613-9427-8512 or telephone 011-613-9429-5971."

I want you to know of a trip that Gale and I took last October to the Bouchard Gardens at Victoria, Vancouver. If you have never seen the Gardens, put this trip on your "must see" list. The Gardens are enormous in size, filled with every imaginable flower and then some – glorious in color, and capable of etching a sight and fragrance in your mind never to be forgotten. Lastly, I want you to remember to send your photos for the next issue.

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Cliff George reports: "My wife (Mardi) and I have had a successful second year of running Pleasant Point Wilderness Camps in the North Woods of Maine. We are open May 1 thru October for fishing, hiking and relaxing in our log cabins and eating our cooking of hearty Maine meals. Although we are not open in the winter, we live in camp, accessing it by snowmobile."

Dick Patton's card, mailed in October, just missed the last edition of The Archon, but the news is still current by our standards. "Just returned home from trying to destroy my liver with fois gras, cheese and wine in the south of France. Lynda and I and four others chartered a bare boat (48') and spent



Sallie and Bob Comey '50 - Red Square, Moscow

11 days on the Canal de Midi. We had bikes on board. One person had been a professional chef, so when we did not dine out, we feasted on board. Spent time in Provence which is wonderful. Lynda went home, but I continued to Wales and spent time on their race horse farm. Now let the snow gods cover the mountains for the ski season. My 50th at Amherst comes next May."

Bob Comey and I have communicated by phone and e-mail several times since Emi and I are about to leave for Australia, New Zealand and Fiji, which Bob and Sallie had done recently, while they just took the riverboat cruise between Moscow and St. Petersburg, which we did last spring. Bob sent a card from Russia while traveling on the Volga River toward Yugoslav. Upon their return Bob summarized their experience: "Sallie's and my September cruise in Russia was marvelous. Newly restored St. Petersburg and bustling Moscow were fascinating, as were smaller cities in-between. Highlights included the Hermitage in St. Petersburg and numerous Moscow sights, including Red Square, the Krenlin, Lenin's Tomb, the Metro, Gum department store (now an upscale mall) and the Bolshoi."

Emi and I were preparing to go to San Diego for a conference when the forest fires in CA became a hot item on TV news. Some fires were destroying homes in the San Diego area, but as they approached Lake Arrowhead in the mountains north of San Bernadino I thought of our classmate **Deny**

Engs living in Crestline. I called Deny several times without getting an answer. It was scary. When we got back to MA, after a great trip that included Baja California, Joshua Tree National Park and the San Diego area, an e-mail provided the news we wanted.

William Dennis Engs wrote: "I was on the East Coast, helping to take care of my mother, when the first reports of Southern California wildfires came via TV. Then, on 26 October, I received a phone call from a friend informing me that Crestline was being evacuated. From that time on, each day's news was worse than the day before. I was stunned when I learned that over 300 houses were burned to the ground in 'Lake Arrowhead'. (Later I learned it took as few as two minutes for a house to burn to the ground.) Media reports were sensational, spectacular and scary. There was no way to get detailed information about the impact of the fire on Crestline. Southern California people emailed me fragments they could find. I can't tell you how distressing it was not to know if I had a home to return to! I was back in California late on 30 October. Fortunately, I had a place to stay - with friends in the valley. The next day I found out about fireupdate.com (I'd heard about it on the AM radio). The site was the ONLY source with solid intelligence indicating what had happened in Crestline. A few structures burned - nothing where I live! On October 31 the weather improved. It was cool with rain most of the next night.

The moisture helped to get firefighters to get control. They are building a break around the entire 'Old Fire' burn. Today, 3 November, the fire is 78% contained. Right now, I don't know when we will be able to get back up on the mountain. Highway 18 needs to be repaired and evacuation is still in effect. I hear electric service has been restored. I don't care how long it takes to get back. I'm thankful I wasn't burned out. I'm sorry for all those who lost everything."

In a later letter, he wrote: "Fortunately I was able to stay eight days down below with friends, instead of at a shelter, until the power was back on and residents could return home. We are all thankful. During 2003 I continued service with the San Bernardino Mountains Land Trust to bring organization and management expertise to the Board. Also, I have continued as Outings Chair of the local Sierra Club Group, and I became Treasurer. A new facet of the job this year was the challenge of arranging for distribution of our Sierra Club Foundation (c-3) money to environmental causes on the mountain. In addition, I have management roles in the local chapters of Earth Save and the Fire Safe Council. On the outside, I've continued to lead Sierra Club outings: hikes, bird walks, car camps, peak climbs and trail maintenance parties. The highlight of the year was leading my 17th annual Sierra Club National (backpack) Outing in September. This time we went to the Emigrant Wilderness, north of the Yosemite NP boundary. I had 13 people from all over the USA, for seven days, hiking over 34 miles of trail. A 14th person, my Assistant, after all his work preparing the food and supplies, did not get to go. The day before the trip he landed in the hospital in Berkeley, CA. This was my 359th life backpack trip. My first was in 1958. One thing you don't know about me is that I started picking up discarded beer cans on the beach when I was 15. Through the years I acquired over 400 different items. This year I discovered that what I had was worth \$1,400! In my spare time I have written several memoirs. If you would like to see one, let me have your email address. Mine is engs@juno.com."

I reached Deny by telephone in January. He has given up the Sierra Club events because

they are open to anyone, a source of problems. He has three high Sierra private trips to lead and will be joining more bicycle tours as a participant, not leader. We talked about our 55th reunion in Byfield, '05.

Tim Greene sent a congratulatory letter to Brian Morrissey, our Class of 1950 scholarship recipient, following the GDA championship football season. The record was 8 wins, no losses after the regular season, which was followed by a 35-14 victory over Holderness in the championship game. Brian scored 5 touchdowns in that final game, as well as playing safety on defense. He led the Independent School League with 24 touchdowns and 150 points. He is a good student, a solid citizen and a worthy representative of the Class of '50.

From **Jack Ives** comes news that he is "enjoying a relaxed retirement in South Carolina's Low Country. The Princeton 50th looms large on our travel schedule, with a real interest in discovering from Don Rumsfeld the real reasons behind our Iraq venture. This will be of particular interest in view of son Drew's recent deployment to the Middle East with elements of the 10th Mountain Division." Your concern is shared by all of us, Jack.

Bob Dickerman is still bothered by the GDA faculty vote in the last election. His most recent reaction is, "Oh, well, I suppose we could have gone to Milton and suffered the indignity last June of having President Clinton speak at our alma mater's graduation ceremonies. But the (Boston) Globe's Tom Oliphant ranks right up there on the liberal chain, considered by many to be one of the former president's top apologists. Really, what's going on at the Old Red Schoolhouse?"

On a more serious note, Bob continues. "I'm beginning to feel a little sorry for Terry Francona (newly hired Red Sox manager), whom I like a lot. What happens to him if he doesn't win with the crew that they have given him?" There was a Roberto Clemente stamp on the card.

Dave Esty writes: "Two months into the November-April ski season and here it is, New Year's Eve, and I'm atop Black Mountain in the ski patrol hut looking into Tuckerman Ravine. Gorgeous – awesome. I'll be leaving RI tomorrow for Palm Beach

to meet our latest granddaughter, born Christmas eve. Off to London from there. My contrasting life lives!"

Charlie Bowen called recently with news of his family travels. He does keep moving. In February, took a cruise from New Zealand to Hawaii, with stops in Fiji, Tahiti, etc. Spent summer in Canada. In September, traveled the Danube from near Munich to Budapest, with side trip to Prague. Christmas in New England with grandchildren. Went to South America in January, a cruise from Buenos Aires to Rio. Will head for China, Bhutan and Thailand. We exchanged several phone calls as Charlie advised me regarding our trip to Australia, New Zealand and Fiji.

Under the wire came **Dick Patton** with tales of great snow depths at Mammoth Mountain and sky diving in Hawaii, two-mile free fall from 14,000 feet. I'll provide more details next time.

1951

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Bill Atwell reports that he and Gena are excited about the trip they are making to Cuba with the Key West Symphony Group. He expressed surprise that Key West has a Symphony. Maybe he doesn't know that Key West was once the wealthiest city in the United States – the result of salvaging the cargo of ships encountering the reefs. "It will be nice to see the country and the old – still running – American cars," he wrote.

Dave Bullock apologies for not having any new pictures and reports "things have been quiet since retirement began on June 1st. He has received e-mails from **Fred Franzius** and looks for more. Suggests getting a list of class e-mail addresses, which we will try to accomplish. Dave warns, "If we get to Sarasota this winter, will drop in on **Ken Bistany** – watch out, Ken!"

From **Ed Stockwell** we hear that he and Jan celebrated the arrival of their first great grandchild in October – "Cassie" for Cassandra; otherwise "not much is new for

us 70-somethings. A couple of months in Florida when it's cold and a couple on the Massachusetts coast when it's hot – life is good."

Bob Louttet checks in with, "Doing fine in retirement except for some memory problems." He is happy that three of their four kids and seven grandkids live in Rhode Island, with their son and two grandkids only three hours away in mid NY State. "Sure enjoy our summers on Block Island." Note to all from T.B. – we still should consider a Block Island reunion.

Our distinguished (?) president, George McGregor, buoyed my spirits by writing, "Your writing skills are excellent. Tom Mercer and Mac Murphy would be pleased." He suggested that if I don't hear from people, I should just "make things up – and I'll bet you will get some response." George says he doesn't get to GDA as often as he used to, but that he and Barb always make the Christmas Candlelight Service at Moseley Chapel. He recalls that Ted Eames said that during WWII he heard from graduates who were fighting and they always mentioned the vesper services in the Cobb Room. George sent a copy of the program for the event and it was very impressive, especially with so many students participating.

As this is being written, I am trying to reach **Ron Campion** who emailed asking if I received his email – which I didn't, but at least we made contact.

From **Ken Bistany**: "In November we had a wonderful get together with the **Popes**, **Husseys** and **Marc am Rhein '50** at the Pope's home in Hampton Beach, NH. Also joining us for some of the festivities were the **Yesairs '50** and the **Veaseys '50** from nearby classes. We enjoyed symphony, museums, great Boston restaurants and most of all one another."

1952

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John Sellstrom reports: "Carol and I have been married 45 years now with four children and eight grandchildren. I am still in the law practice and represent the

Government of Sweden in western New York as Swedish Council. We are traveling a great deal and enjoy our house in Kiawah Island and on the Big Island in Hawaii. Headed for Rio in January to cruise the South American coastline and north to the U.S."

Rib Smythe writes: "Peggy and I just returned from Thailand: wonderful trip – happy, peaceful people. 80-90°, no rain. Beautiful country – 93% Buddhist and 1% Christian. Went to Angkor Wat, Cambodia, Laos and Burma. The land of temples and monks, sugar cane and fresh fruit and vegetables."

Guy Tudor writes: "Three weeks in the Ecuadorian Andes (with Jocotoco Foundation – land conservation) in July. Three weeks in southeast Brazil in October – my sixth trip to their great country. Plus – scores of field trips locally: NH to SNJ. Now juggling about four book projects – two of my own on S. American birds, and two-plus more on insects (as co-author or editor), etc. More and more to accomplish, and less and less time left! Keeps one busy – no time to look back."

Let me report that I had a Christmas card from **Walter and Joan Lawson** who are doing well with all the family news. Walter: **Robin Goodenough** still thinks he can pin you to the ground even with his bad back and knee! Sabu almost had the Alumnus of the Year award for the second year but was nosed out by another who was Cum Laude!!! See, Sabu, you should have stayed in those Lang Gym study halls! Rib and I share pool lanes in swimming at the JCC, and wife Peggy keeps an eye on us both to be sure we come up for air. We all saw GDA beat Holderness for the ISL New England Championship, great game – and football is alive at GDA! Blessings be upon thee – NOW let's hear from YOU!

1953

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Left to right: Phil '53 and Julie Smith, Ginny and Dick '53 Marr, and Sallie and Bob '50 Comey

Arthur Bartlett reports: "Missed 50th Reunion only because circumstances prevented. Still up here in the 'Lost Sierra' Mtns. in CA. Four feet of snow last nite. After a ski trip, Nancy and I will head off to Oro Valley, north of Tucson for 26 days of golf. Then back for some spring skiing. Miss you guys of '53. Next time."

Dick Marr finally retired from the education field last June, but he's not really retired... The October 27 issue of the Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly article reads, in part: "Sportswriter, the Patriot Ledger. Dean of Students, Tabor Academy. College hockey referee. Commissioner, Cape Cod Baseball League. An eclectic career panel for students looking for guidance? Guess again. It's the resume of **Richard T. Marr**, who is now at the age of 67 busy setting up his Cape Cod law office." Dick earned his law degree at the age of 61, when many of us were racing toward our leisure years, and he now has a law office in Wellfleet. Somehow, Dick and his wife, Ginny, also manage to spend time in North Carolina at Farrington Village, and see **Phil and Julie Smith**, who live right around the corner.

Phil Smith writes that he and Julie are thrilled to have the Marrs as neighbors. He also divulged that Dick and Ginny's son is a professor at UNC, and they enjoy being close to their grandkids. Phil says there are more fall-outs from reunion, and that **Bill and Cynthia King** are joining the snowbirds, fleeing south for the first time this winter. Phil expects them to be houseguests

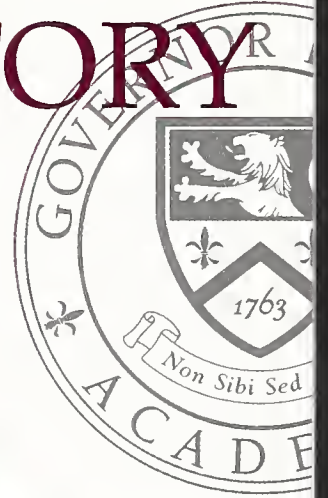
enroute... a good excuse for a fun dinner party and some "very good stories."

Windy Gale is pleased to join with Phil as our new Class Agent. The class reunion and visit to the campus got him excited to give a little something back to GDA. Our thanks to both Windy and Phil for taking this on. It's a lot of work, and important for the school and our class. Our thanks, also, to **Bill Plumer** for the hours and effort that he put in as Class Agent. He did a great job of representing us and contributing to the growth and success of GDA.

As for the **Pinkhams**... Sue and I have been on the go since the first of the year. A week back in PA in early January for my oldest son's wedding. A good time was had by all, in spite of the coldest weather in years. Had a great time seeing our kids and grand kids. Skipped town before the real cold weather arrived and then headed to Yellowstone National Park for cross-country skiing. It's fabulous in the winter. We traveled 40+ miles by slowcoach (a halftrack with runners) to get to the Lodge, and enjoyed several days with no TV, radio, or newspapers. The wildlife and the scenery are fantastic. A great getaway!! An hour after we got home, I had a short flight and abrupt landing when one of our goldens cut in front of me while I was running with the other on lead, so I'm nursing a sprained wrist and cracked rib. No skiing for a week or two... Bummer!!

Best wishes to all.

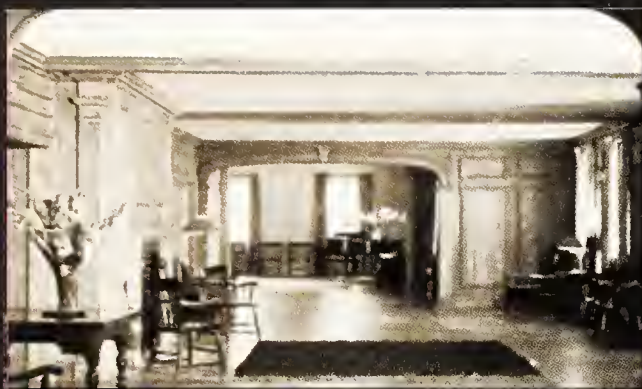
UNLOCKING THE HISTORY



GOVERNOR DUMMER ACADEMY

1763





Find  your way

1 PHILLIPS HALL

Once you have visited Phillips Building, cross the brick quad and bear right up the asphalt path. Cross the street and bear left at the "Y", walking between the white brick Frost Building on your left and the new Pescosolido Library on your right.

You may make a small detour to view the plaque honoring Kil-Chun Yu to the right of the library entrance. Kil-Chun Yu, a student at the Academy in 1884, was the first Korean national allowed out of his country to study in the West. A man of letters, he returned to his own land to become a renowned statesman, essayist, social reformer and educator. Kil-Chun Yu remains much honored and revered in Korea today.

PHOTOS LISTED CLOCKWISE STARTING AT BOTTOM LEFT • Students at a buffet in the Jacob Dining Hall circa 1961. • Phillips Hall, where the school community used to gather for lectures stories and other presentations.

Phillips Building



Our tour begins in Phillips Building, today's hub of activity on the GDA campus, housing the Office of Admission, the Headmaster's and Deans' offices, a freshman boys' dormitory, the Jacob Dining Hall, and the business offices.

The original building, constructed in 1936, remained nameless for two years before it was named to honor James Duncan Phillips, a loyal friend and member of the trust of the Academy from 1924-1954. A vice-president of Houghton Mifflin Publishing Company and an author of many books and pamphlets about local history, Phillips was devoted to the continued success of the school. To this end, he was instrumental in convincing a young master at Deerfield Academy, Edward Eames, to become Headmaster of GDA in 1930. Eames, a 30-year-old graduate of Amherst College with a Master's degree in English from Harvard, remained at the helm of GDA until 1959.

Take a few moments to look around. You will note the folk art mural of campus recently created by Boston artist Sara Egan. It shows many of the buildings you will view on this tour. Walk down the hall into the Cobb Room where portraits of Jeremiah Dummer, British King George I, and James Duncan Phillips hang. If you pass through the walkway just past the admissions office, you may be able to sneak a peek into the Phillips Library which was donated by the Phillips family in the early 1990s and moved piece by piece from the family home in Topsfield to be reassembled here.

The Phillips' name can be found on other buildings on campus also, such as the Duncan Phillips Health Center and Nanny B. Phillips dormitory. It should be noted that our first Head of School, Master Moody, taught Samuel Phillips whose family later founded Phillips Academy at Andover in 1778 and at Exeter in 1781. Samuel was, in all likelihood, at least a distant ancestor of James Duncan Phillips.

As you exit the front door of Phillips, turn directly around to note the temple front entryway typical of Greek Revival architecture of the 19th century and seen in many of the buildings on campus. Now look to your left to find a plaque among the shrubbery which reads, "The liberal deviseth liberal things and by liberal things shall he stand," a biblical quote from Isaiah 32:8 which Reverend Moses Parsons of Byfield Parish Church read on March 1, 1763, the official day of the Academy's founding.

"The liberal deviseth liberal things and by liberal things shall he stand,"



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2 PERKINS HOUSE

As you pass by the library, please note that the little Red Schoolhouse and Moody House once stood where the library now does. As you look at the vast playing fields in front of you, try to envision fields of fruit trees or rye, or perhaps grazing cattle and sheep, and remember that this land was once the farmland of the Dummer family. Follow the path around Frost until it joins the sidewalk which runs parallel to the street behind the score board. Across the street is the brick and red clapboard building known as Perkins.

PHOTOS LISTED CLOCKWISE STARTING AT BOTTOM LEFT • Perkins Hall in its second location on Carter Circle, 1932. • Perkins Gymnasium, 1900. • Students and family with Master Perkins (third from left).

Perkins House

You may find it hard to believe that Perkins House, now a boys' dormitory, was initially constructed in 1887 as the Academy's first gymnasium while John W. Perkins served as headmaster. The former principal of Salem, Massachusetts High School, Perkins took responsibility for the farm and school buildings as well as the academic program. Since the school was to become primarily a boarding school once again, girls were excluded. Tuition was \$75 per year, with those from the town of Newbury charged one-third. By 1904, the price would go up to \$600 per year, still a mere fraction of today's rates!

Master Perkins' wife is credited with being the driving force behind the construction of the gymnasium, working arduously to secure the necessary funds. Timber from the Headmaster's own land was said to be used by the builders. The gym was located then between what is now the Mathematics and Science Center and the Mansion House. It was moved in 1925 to the left of the Red Schoolhouse on Carter Circle, and found its current resting place in 1984.

Thirty-eight years after the gymnasium's opening, and more than three decades after Headmaster and Mrs. Perkins left GDA, the couple returned to campus for the renaming of the building in their honor. Reportedly, former students from as far away as Japan contributed to the refurbishing of the building in their former preceptor's honor.

The history of physical activities for students at GDA dates back to the school's beginnings when the boys were encouraged to swim in the Parker River. However, there are no accounts of structured classes or activities devoted to athletics until 1883 when the first baseball team was formed, 1884 when the first football team competed, and 1885 when a "roller polo" team first played. Teams in lacrosse and track were formed soon thereafter. In 1900, a golf club composed of faculty and boys was formed; they laid out the Quascacunquen course over stone walls, through swamps and briars. During these days, it was not uncommon for faculty – even the Headmaster – to play alongside students on all the school's teams. Two years later, basketball, a game invented in 1891 in Springfield, MA to provide indoor exercise for youths during the frigid New England winters, arrived at GDA; the boys played their first game against Amesbury. One of our more famous athletes of the early 20th century was Booker T. Washington Jr., Class of 1907, whose father was the author of *Up From Slavery* and president of Tuskegee Institute. The younger Washington played left halfback on the GDA football team and catcher for the baseball team.

In the late 1800s, dancing classes were held on Thursday nights in the new gymnasium which was lit by kerosene lamps – electricity did not arrive on campus until 1900 – and decorated for the events. At least one report in the school newspaper of the day notes that couples would disappear to the dark corners of the room, reappearing with "melted collars" and "dust raised." The ways of youth apparently change little over time! The article only laments that the best dancers were too often confined to their dorm rooms for misbehavior and unable to join these special occasions!

In 1902, the boys of the Academy played their first basketball game against Amesbury.





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3 BOYNTON HOUSE

Cross the street at the crosswalk. Boynton House is on your left set back from the street.

PHOTOS LISTED FROM LEFT TO RIGHT • Commander Preble • Boynton House circa 1920

Boynton House



On your left, set back from the street, is a white clapboard house which has been home to many young students from Governor Dummer Academy since the early days of the Academy. Records indicate it was built in 1764 by the Hale family to replace an earlier house – a tavern owned by Joseph Hale – pulled down that year.

Deacon Joseph Hale and his son Daniel Hale resided in the home until 1837, serving on the Academy's Board of Trustees for a total of a half-century and taking much of the responsibility for the supervision of the farm. In addition, they boarded boys from the Academy, who reportedly tried their landlord's temper with their pranks and exuberance. An alumnus returning for a reunion in 1847 offered a toast to Daniel Hale: "The memory of Daniel Hale, Esq., who, although bored by boys for forty-five years, still for forty-five years unflinchingly took boys to board." The young men paid six shillings a week, the equivalent of \$1.00.

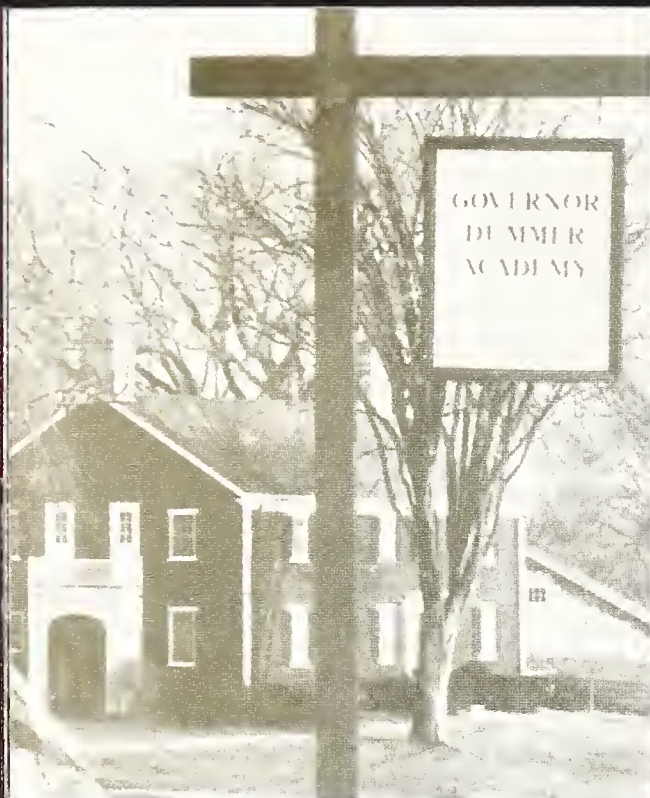
There still exists a copy of a receipt from 1775 for payment made by Brigadier General Preble for his son's room and board. The young man was one Edward Preble, a lad who once brought upon himself the wrath of Master Moody for some irascible behavior. Preble redeemed himself in later life when he became the commander of USS *Constitution*, the flagship of a seven-ship squadron which sailed against the Barbary Pirates.

For Captain Preble's considerable accomplishments, the Navy has named six ships in his honor, the most recent USS *Preble* commissioned in Boston in 2002. If you visit the old Charlestown Navy Yard in Boston, you can go aboard the old captain's USS *Constitution* – popularly known as "Old Ironsides" – and sample life as a sailor.

But back to Boynton. Legend has it that a ghost has inhabited the building since even before the house was purchased by the Academy. It is said that this ghost is "unconventional," turning lights on and off and music up and down, but also providing comfort to those in need. There is one story of a guest who was cold in the night and awoke the next morning to find an extra blanket on top of him.

Boynton House was purchased by the Academy in 1951. The house, perhaps with ghost in residence, now provides warm and cozy housing for GDA girls.

The Boynton ghost may still inhabit the building to this day.



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4 MOODY HOUSE

Continue on the sidewalk parallel to the street, passing Nanny B. Phillips dormitory. The next building on your left is Moody House. After viewing Moody, turn around unless you decide to take a half-mile stroll down to the marshes and the Parker River.

The falls of the river provided power for the first woolen mill, first cotton mill and first cut nails in this country, as well as for the saw mill and grist mill of Richard Dummer, grandfather of Lt. Gov. William Dummer. In 1632, Richard Dummer emigrated from England, soon building in Roxbury the first corn mill operated by water power in the Massachusetts colony.

PHOTOS LISTED CLOCKWISE STARTING AT BOTTOM LEFT • Students gather in the Moody Common Room Circa 1950. • A former school entrance during the 1970s and 80s. Moody behind the former sign. Note the Milestone at the left edge of photo.

Moody House



Imagine you are passing through Byfield on the Eastern Stage Coach Company from Boston. Right up the street in Newburyport, the company employs 287 horses to run its routes and 35 artisans to construct 20 carriages a year. It is 1821, and the electric trolley for local travel will not appear for nearly 70 years; the rail will not carry passengers on this route for another 20 years. Just one-quarter mile from the bridge crossing the river is Moody House, another clapboard structure built over 200 years ago in 1800 during the preceptorship of Isaac Smith. Smith was the successor to Samuel Moody, first Master of the Academy. The original house, which served as a residence for Master Smith, was destroyed by fire in 1914 but rebuilt the following year to resemble its precursor.

Master Moody, for whom the building is named, was not only in charge of educating the young boys of the Academy from 1763-1790, but also of the farm, tuition collection and expenses. A bachelor, the preceptor brought his brother Joseph to the Academy to take charge of managing the farm, the major source of revenue for the school, and boarding the boys and preceptor in Mansion House. Both Moodys were said to perform their duties well; the Master was reputed to be quite stern at times, though most felt he manifested "certain qualities of intellect, heart, and temperament, which made it comparatively easy for him to curb or to stimulate the youthful mind."

And some of those minds became major players in the early years of this nation. Among Master Moody's charges were the future Senator Rufus King, a delegate to the 1787 Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia and an original signer of the Declaration of Independence; Chief Justices of the Massachusetts Supreme Court Samuel Sewall and Theophilus Parsons, who was also the leading author of the Massachusetts Constitution of 1780; Eliphalet Pearson, first head of Phillips Academy, Andover; Samuel Osgood, a delegate to the Continental Congress who was appointed First Postmaster General of the United States by President George Washington in 1789; Samuel Webber, president of Harvard College from 1806-10; and Wentworth Cheswell, a man of color who held several local government positions in New Hampshire and was considered a Revolutionary War hero for his all-night ride from Boston to warn his community of Portsmouth of the impending British invasion.

If you walk further down Middle Road, you will come to the great expanses of marshes, and then to the Parker River, first called the Quascacunquen by the Native Americans, then the Newbury River and Oldtown River, before being named after Mr. Thomas Parker in 1697. Parker was a minister as well as a "first planter and pastor of ye church of Newbury and a learned schoolmaster."

The river also provided a place for student "ablutions," since Master Moody considered "salubrious immersions" important to the well-being of his charges. Remember, the time was the 18th century, when indoor plumbing and running water were still far in the future. It would be the mid-19th century before many of the wealthier homes had indoor bathing facilities. Most people in the Colonial period simply dipped in local streams or ponds.

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5 MILESTONE

As you return from Moody House or the Parker river, walk back up the street, returning to the other side of the street at the crosswalk. As you near the corner, look across to the massive volcanic rocks, one of the most interesting geologic features of the area and a testament to a time millions of years ago when all the continents were connected. The tectonic plates were constantly shifting, causing volcanoes from deep within the earth to explode, and eventually making the continents break apart 180 million years ago. As old as the history of GDA may seem, it pales by comparison to the geologic history around us.

At the corner, cross over halfway to the island, noting the memorial to Newbury veterans of World War I, many of whom were Academy alumni. When you finish crossing the street, the Milestone will be in front of you.

PHOTOS LISTED CLOCKWISE STARTING AT BOTTOM LEFT • People gathering for the at the left corner of the Mansion House Lawn. Milestone at the left edge of photo. • The Milestone. Notice Parsons in the back and the trolley tracks in the foreground. • The Milestone circa 1900.

Milestone

You now stand in front of a large granite rock we refer to simply as "The Milestone." Commissioned by William Dummer's cousin John Dummer and created in 1708 by local gravestone carver John Hartshorn, the Milestone is a reminder of GDA's place in history and in New England.

Milestones, doorstones and walkway stones were all commonplace in colonial America. They served useful purposes: to mark distances between towns; to provide a step into a house; and to provide a walkway to an entrance. However, the stones in Newburyport during this period share a unique distinction: their designs of abstract geometric patterns and human figures only can be found in Newbury, Massachusetts.

Richard Dummer, great-grandfather of GDA's founder, first had a doorstone carved to be placed at his manor house which was constructed in 1640. Decorated with two carved upside down fleur-de-lis, it predates the first gravestone carved in New England in 1647. Some years later, Richard had another doorstone with fleur-de-lis carved to mark the date he first settled in Newbury, 1636. The fleur-de-lis motif derives from the Dummer coat of arms which also depicts a lion or griffin. Carved doorstones were part of a trend among the upper class in England at the time, though such designs were sometimes frowned on by Puritans in the British colonies here.

Richard's grandson, John, who inherited his father's estate, was instrumental in creating the new parish of Byfield in 1701. Though women could not vote, they could sign petitions, and the signature of John's mother Elizabeth appears on the petition to form the new parish. The story is that both the Dummer family and the Sewall family wished the parish to be named for their families. The controversy was settled when Judge Nathaniel Byfield, a member of the General Assembly called upon to settle the matter, suggested the parish be named for him in exchange for a gift from him.

John Hartshorn, a carver who left Haverhill after his family was killed in an Indian raid, found his way to Byfield in 1708 and was commissioned to carve the first gravestones in the new parish. It was then that John Dummer hired him to carve a milestone to be placed on Bay Road.

It is important to recall that the Bay Road (now Middle Road) was a major route of travel. Some say that by placing the milestone on his property, John Dummer was ensuring a prominent position for the Dummer family in the parish of Byfield. Perhaps it was his way of dealing with the parish being named for Judge Byfield rather than the Dummers. The double triangle design carved by Hartshorn mirrors the design on the 1636 doorstone of John's grandfather. As you can see, our Milestone reads:

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denoting our position as five miles from Newburyport and 33 miles from Boston. According to historians, the marker is the oldest found on the Bay Road. The next milestone in Newbury, placed near the intersection of Middle Road and Orchard Street, has been missing for more than 150 years. Some contend it was used to construct a culvert on the road to Byfield Factory, manufacturer of snuff.

**John Dummer hired John Hartshorn to carve this milestone,
the oldest on the Bay Road.**



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6 MANSION HOUSE

You will see Mansion House on your left and the Little Red Schoolhouse across the street on your right. Walk a little further on the pathway to get a good front view of the Mansion House.

No account of the Mansion House would be complete without noting that the Academy was not the first school on the premises. In fact, Madam Pierrepont, a sister to William Dummer, conducted a school for girls in the house (we have no account of boys attending). Records are scant and only indicate classes during the fall and winter of 1761-62. Perhaps she was trying to raise funds for the erection of the schoolhouse the following year, or getting a jumpstart on the Academy while waiting for the construction to be completed.

PHOTOS LISTED CLOCKWISE STARTING AT BOTTOM LEFT • The legendary staircase, located inside the Mansion House as you walk through the Mansion House's front door. • The east side of Mansion House • The Mansion House from a distance view, taken from the former location of the Red School House.

Mansion House

The grandeur of Mansion House remains today. This fine example of upper class colonial architecture was probably built by William Dummer in 1713 just after his father Jeremiah gave him 300 acres in Byfield. William, no doubt, had the summer home built in anticipation of his marriage to Katharine Dudley on April 26 of the following year. His bride was daughter of Joseph Dudley, governor from 1702 to 1715. Dummer himself was soon to be appointed lieutenant governor of the colony, a position he would hold for the better part of 1716 to 1730, serving also as acting governor for at least six years during that period.

According to legend, William Dummer carried his new bride on horseback in the front door and up the wide staircase of Mansion House on their wedding night. It is said that people still hear the horse's hooves on nights when there is a blue moon. The young couple took up summer residence in the house until the Lt. Governor's death at the age of 84 on October 10, 1761. He survived for longer than twice the average life expectancy of the time.

The summer homes of the rich were still to be built in Newport and Saratoga, but the well-heeled such as the Dummers retreated to their country homes in the hot weather. During their summers in Byfield, the Dummers entertained eminent men and women of the era in the "wainscoted parlors and tapestried chambers" of the fine house, as one observer described it. With its Jacobean entranceway, said to be unusual for the area, and set amid the shade of verdant trees, Mansion House provided a perfect setting for entertaining. In 1716, when Samuel Shute was appointed governor, he and John Leverett, president of Harvard College, were guests while traveling from Boston to Portsmouth. It was recorded in a local newspaper that the governor "was finely entertained" at the home of the lieutenant governor. Surely, the former governor, Joseph Dudley, his son Paul, the Attorney General, the Willards, the Savages, the Bradstreets, the Denisons, and many others of high repute in the Massachusetts Colony were also guests in the Mansion while William and Katharine resided there.

Additions and repairs were made to the Mansion House in 1786, 1791, 1837, and during the years 1898-1900. Look for the stucco section of the house to the left of the front door, now mostly covered in ivy. On the side of this small addition is a small window below the chimney. Although the Massachusetts Supreme Court in 1783 was the first in the country to ban slavery, nearly all men of property owned house slaves during the time of William Dummer. The room with the window is said to have been for "disciplinary purposes" for the slaves of Governor William Dummer. There are rumors of chains and iron rings bolted to the walls but, if they were once there, they no longer remain. In fact, our only evidence of slaves in the Mansion House comes from William's will in which he set his slaves free.

There is a trap door under the flooring of a fireplace in the Mansion House. Over time the door was forgotten, but when it was rediscovered and opened many years later, a girl's body was found. This child may have been the daughter of Reverend Henry Durant, a Headmaster at the Academy from 1847-1849. It is said she died of scarlet fever and her father was too distraught to have her buried away from the house. Durant left GDA and moved to California during the Gold Rush, where he founded an academy in Oakland which later became the University of California.

Mansion House served as a dormitory and master's residence from the time of Master Moody's arrival in 1763 until the construction of Moody House in 1800. Today, Mansion House is the home of the Academy's Headmaster and his family. Special guests to the school are still invited to enjoy the hospitality of the house.

When the trap door was opened, the body of a dead girl was found.



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7 LITTLE RED SCHOOLHOUSE

Cross over Middle Road to the Little Red Schoolhouse.

PHOTOS LISTED CLOCKWISE STARTING AT BOTTOM LEFT • A recent picture from inside the Little Red Schoolhouse, as it would have appeared during Master Moody's time. The British flag hangs in the back since this school's founding predates our nation. • This bell, a symbol of the traditional schoolhouse, is the original one that rang to sound the events of the day beginning under Master Moody. • The Schoolhouse after it was moved and reconstructed in 1938 between Moody and Perkins.

Little Red Schoolhouse

Look up to the roof of this one-room schoolhouse and you might even be able to imagine that the large bell is ringing and classes will soon begin. Now peek in the windows to view the children's desks, some with slates just awaiting dictation. The schoolmaster's desk is at one end, where he can keep an eagle eye on the young men in his charge. The beautiful weather outside may beckon, but now it is time for study.

In February of 1763, the Treaty of Paris, which ended the French and Indian War and granted all the land east of the Mississippi to the British, was signed. On March 1, less than three weeks later, another chapter in history was written when the schoolhouse opened its doors to students for the first time. A plain 20-foot square one story building, it remained for many years part of the carriage house between the farmhouse and barn. The money for its construction came from the rental of the Mansion House to Captain Joseph Hale after Lt. Governor Dummer's death. The schoolhouse has always been red, some believe a tribute to the crimson school colors of Harvard College where so many early Academy students went on to study.

More should now be said about the first Head of the new school, Master Samuel Moody. Though his family was from Newbury, Moody came to the new school from his post at a school in York, Maine. He was known to be strict with his charges, but his philosophy of education strayed from the norm of the day. Instead of insisting on silence in the classroom, which he thought could be more distracting than noise, he encouraged his students to study aloud. The course of study concentrated on Latin in deference to Master Moody's belief that a solid classical education in the ancient language would best prepare the boys to learn any subject in the future. It wouldn't be until 1836, under the new master, Nehemiah Cleaveland, that an English department would be added to the classical curriculum at the Academy. However, it should be noted that a classical education included more than the study of Latin: English grammar and reading, proper oratory, geometry, geography, logic, ethics and "evidences of Christianity" were all part of a Dummer education as early as 1819, as recorded in the "Bye Laws and Regulations" drafted that year.

Students, except those from Byfield, were charged a moderate tuition in addition to boarding costs. Master Moody's boys came from all walks of life and, although many went on to college, others farmed, went to sea, or entered other professions directly after leaving the school. What is indisputable is that a vast number of his graduates went on to make their mark in society, assuming important roles in the new country. Perhaps that is in part due to his constant encouragement to students to trust in their own abilities. His favorite expression, repeated often, was *Crede quod possis et potes*, Believe that which you might be able and you are able.

With the school's rapid expansion, a new schoolhouse was soon built which is known now as Fleak House and sits on Old Elm Road just behind the Red Schoolhouse. Because of its minimal use after the construction of the second schoolhouse, the original schoolhouse was put up for sale during the 1800s; luckily, the sale was never completed. In 1938, Reverend Tilley Morse gave funds for the reconstruction of the Little Red Schoolhouse. The designer was William Graves Perry, the same architect selected to reconstruct Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia. Sally Moody Cook, great-great grandniece of Master Moody, made the formal dedication of the refurbished building.

Instead of insisting on silence in the classroom, Master Moody encouraged his students to study aloud.





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8 INGHAM RINK

Cross back and bear right on the path paralleling Middle Road, coming to the walking bridge over Elm Street.

PHOTOS LISTED CLOCKWISE STARTING AT BOTTOM LEFT • Students practicing with goalie Dave Goodheart before the Thayer Game, 1941. Notice Parsons Schoolhouse in the background • The goalie tends to the net in the late 1950s. • The GDA goalie blocks the shot to win the game vs Brooks. • Aerial shot of the rink, photograph taken west of Parsons Schoolhouse.

Ingham Rink



After crossing the footbridge over Elm Street, you will see the backs of two dormitories ahead. To your right, however, is a large open space of grass. Now imagine you are a young man in 1932, full of energy you need to expend outside the classroom!

Indeed, the Academy students were sparked in those days to improve the athletic facilities of their school. This burst of initiative led to the construction of a second hockey rink in the low land in back of Ingham House. The boys are reported to have spent their athletic periods every afternoon between Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays constructing an earthen dam 80 feet long and five feet high. It is probably not surprising to note that girls' hockey at GDA was still 50 years away!

The Ingham Rink was the first of many impressive student-generated projects at GDA. During the same year, the school's seniors dug 900 feet of ditches to give proper drainage to Morse Field. Then, in the fall of 1933, another group of boys made necessary preparations for the new board running track, 16 laps for a mile. Once again, every member of the senior class took responsibility for the completion of this project.

The boys spent their athletic periods constructing an earthen dam 80 feet long and five feet high.



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9 PARSONS SCHOOLHOUSE

Turn around and go back over the bridge. Take the first right path just after the bridge which will bring you to the front of Parsons. A bench offers rest for the weary.

PHOTOS LISTED CLOCKWISE STARTING AT BOTTOM LEFT • Inside a classroom in Parsons.
• Parsons in mid-1900s. • After a devastating fire to the rear of the structure in 1940, students assembled a Fire Brigade with two engines, "The Red Wing," a loan from Salisbury, and another, a gift from Phillips Academy, Andover.

Parsons Schoolhouse



Just as the little Red Schoolhouse was soon outgrown by the Academy, so too was the second schoolhouse, now called Fleak House. When Mr. Samuel Adams (no apparent relation to the Revolutionary hero of the same name) was elected Preceptor of GDA in 1819, he accepted the post only on condition that suitable repair and improvement be made to campus buildings and that his offered salary be increased. If, after a year's time, he and the Trustees were satisfied with the situation, he would continue in his position.

Adams, a native of Rowley and a graduate of Harvard, had opened a private school in Salem where he had taught for several years before returning to his hometown. Back at home, he married, built a house and successfully entered the business of shoe manufacturing. He was well-regarded as a man of education and accomplishment when he was appointed Head of the Academy. At the time, he was also a member-elect of the Massachusetts Senate.

The board agreed to Adams' demands and work commenced. The largest project was the building of a new schoolhouse, which you now see in front of you. At first, it was placed in the center of the Mansion House lawn, with the bell tower facing the road. Since then, it has been moved seven times and burned down at least three.

The building was named in 1905 after the Reverend Moses Parsons, an overseer of the Academy appointed by William Dummer in his will. Reverend Parsons was also the minister in Byfield who lent his oratory skills to the opening ceremonies at the school in 1763. It was he who offered the reading from Isaiah 32:8 which appears on the plaque outside Phillips. Moreover, it was his son Theophilus Parsons who attended the Academy, later was the leading author of the Massachusetts Constitution of 1780, served as Chief Justice of the Massachusetts Supreme Court, and helped author the Bill of Rights. It is interesting to note that for more than six years, while John Quincy Adams clerked in Theophilus Parsons' law office in Newburyport, the future sixth president of the United States penned the Trustees' records of the Academy's affairs. This was perhaps a favor to his mentor's father who was then a member of the board.

Be sure to look carefully at the architectural details on Parsons. The cupola and portico with Doric columns, along with the square corner piece detail on the upper story, are typical of the Greek Revival style so popular in early American architecture. Perhaps it was these features that influenced Theodore Roosevelt to deliver a campaign speech in front of Parsons during his tour through Newbury in 1902.

While future President John Quincy Adams clerked in Theophilus Parsons' law office in Newburyport, he scribed the notes of the Trustees of the Academy.



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10 COMMONS

After viewing Parsons, turn to your left, taking the left fork of the path. The white clapboard building in front of you is Commons. After reading about Commons, continue on the path (Mansion House is now on your left) and head back to the quad at Phillips. You are back where you began. We hope you enjoyed the tour. Please come back soon.

PHOTOS LISTED CLOCKWISE STARTING AT BOTTOM LEFT • Commons circa 1900. • The Commons Dining Hall circa 1905. • The Class of 1901 in front of the Commons. Women were admitted to the Academy off and on from 1872-1904.

Commons

Commons was built in 1836 during the preceptorship of Nehemiah Cleaveland. It was Cleaveland's hope that the new building would not only provide more facilities for boarding students, but that it would also allow for the hiring of a permanent assistant. Using \$2000-3000 for the construction seemed a good use of the Academy's funds. The trustees had further plans. They suggested that an English Department be formed and an English teacher hired to expand the curriculum beyond the classical study of Latin. The experiment turned out to be a financial disaster within three years, causing Cleaveland to resign. The school tried to recoup some of its losses by charging partial tuition to local students for the first time, an initiative which caused frayed town-gown relations for many years.

But back to Commons. The structure was used for Mr. Cleaveland's temporary use while "modern conveniences" were installed in Mansion House. The boys continued boarding in Mansion House until the renovations were complete. Then the Headmaster moved back into the Mansion House and the boys took over residence in Commons.

In 1836, a carriage house was built with the original structure in 1836, of which the east end still remains. The transverse wing was added in 1884, a dining hall and more bedrooms in 1889, a section on the eastern end in 1906, and a porte-cochère (now a porch) between 1908 and 1910.

Commons provided dormitory space well into the next century. However, not without incident. On a cold winter morning in 1913, a fire broke out. While students and faculty were busy dousing the flames, a janitor was found lighting the kitchen range. His explanation? He decided that there were enough people fighting the fire, but the students would be hungry soon, and there would be no breakfast without a hot stove. Breakfast was served on time!

Perhaps now is a good time to offer a thumbnail sketch of the history of women at Governor Dummer Academy. Most girls in the 19th century were not given the same education available to boys. That said, in 1806, a seminary for women was founded in Byfield in the Sleigh meetinghouse. Though it lasted a scant 15 years, the seminary schooled girls who became well-known figures of their day, including Mary Lyons, the founder of Mount Holyoke Female Seminary in 1836, the first college in America specifically for women.

Co-education seemed to come later, though there are some conflicting stories of local girls attending as day students during some of the earliest years of the Academy. Then, under the preceptorship of Reverend Ebenezer Greenleaf Parsons, the trustees of the Academy voted in 1872 to admit girls at the full tuition charge. Mrs. Parsons became superintendent of the girls.

Ten years later, when John W. Perkins became Head of the Academy, he returned the school to its earlier position as a "home" school with many of the boys living on campus under his care. With this initiative, girls were no longer admitted.

Then in 1896, Perley Leonard Horne took over as Master of the Academy. In his first year, the school enrolled 20 boys, eight of them boarding. By 1901, 46 boys were enrolled, half of them boarders, while 21 local girls attended as day students. A short three years later, girls were again denied entrance, this time until 1971! However, for the last three decades, girls have made up close to 50 percent of the classes at GDA.

**Students and faculty were busy dousing the flames,
while a janitor was found lighting the kitchen range.**

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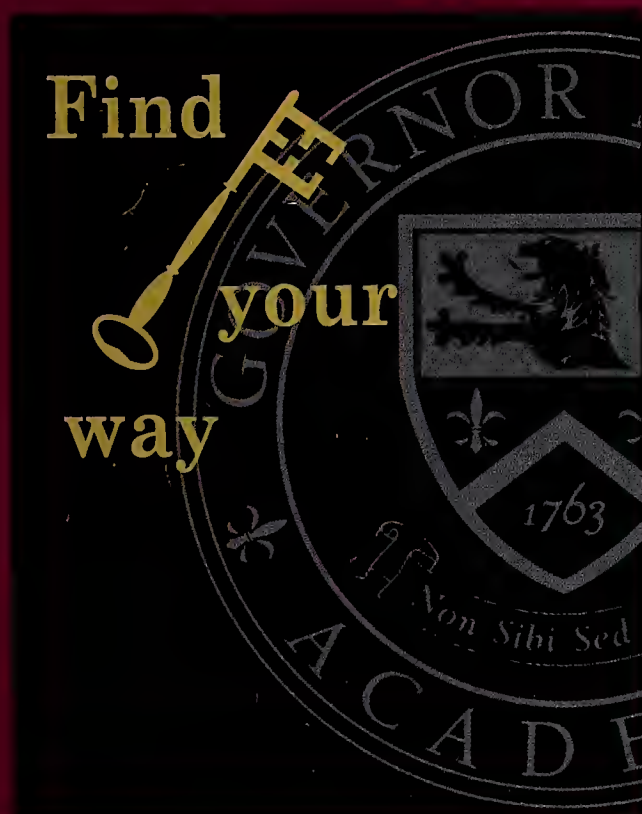
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50th Class Reunion June 11, 12, 13 2004

Howie Clarke writes that Ann and he finally got to China and Taiwan in October, notwithstanding the earlier delays caused by SARS. Howie said that having his Mandarin training while in the Navy helped, but given the fact that such training was 44 years ago, he was a tad rusty! They will be at the Reunion.

Dick Michelson writes that mountaineering, traveling, and building houses for Habitat for Humanity remain significant activities. One of Dick's recent trips was to Bhutan which he said was very special. Dick will be at the 50th.

Dave Ellis reported that, despite retiring in December 2002, he keeps quite busy working for the Boston Foundation and the MIT Museum as well as consulting primarily in Brazil, plus four grandchildren in nearby Durham. Marion and he have built a new home on Great Bay in Newmarket, NH. The Ellises will be at the Reunion in June.

Dodd Miles has challenged all his classmates - for every 1954er who donates \$100 or more to GDA in 2004, our Reunion Year, Dodd will add \$200 to that contribution! What a great challenge for our 50th! Let's get those checkbooks out!

Gardiner White dropped a line to say the Whites are looking forward to Byfield in June. He's still driving cars to Florida, having made eight trips this year with three more to go. On one of those car safaris last February, Gardiner hooked up with **Bob Fish** (excuse the pun) in Stuart, Florida.

Dick Moore reports that his daughter gave birth to triplets on December 10th - Charlotte, Andres and Hayden!

David Moore reports: "My wife, Adrienne,

and I send our greetings to all at Governor Dummer Academy, and especially to members of the Class of '54. We are currently living in 'active retirement' in our residence of 32 years in a Planned Unit Development (PUD) known as 'Twin Rivers', located midway between New York and Philadelphia. We have two grown sons, Daniel and Damon, both of whom live with us as they are getting a start in life. Credit Art Sager in giving me a lifelong interest in choral music. I have since sung in many groups located in New England, the deep south, the far Northeast, and even in Ontario Province in Southern Canada, where I took a Master's Degree in Psychology at the University of Waterloo. Currently I'm a member of the choir and handbell choir at the First Presbyterian Church in Hightstown, an activity that I thoroughly enjoy. We'll be looking forward to attending the upcoming 50th reunion at the Academy, and in seeing old friends at that time."

Your Class Secretary has been "given the opportunity" by brother Pew to pull together a Reunion Book. Hopefully, you have all received the two-part questionnaires and returned them in time for inclusion in the book. Our older son, Devereux, is at The Kent School and prospering, while our younger boy, Christian, continues at the French International School. Deborah and I will be at the Reunion.

1955

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Don Hicks retired from 25 years of advertising agency ownership six years ago. He now has seven grandchildren, including 19-month-old triplets, all living within walking distance. He says he is very busy being a helpful grandparent and enjoying every minute of it.

Frank Walcott lives in Essex, CT and still works as an investment advisor. He has recently seen **Colin Curtis** and **Tom Wende**.

A. C. Hubbard's three children and five grandchildren live within two minutes of him and his wife in Baltimore. Ten years ago,

"AC" and his wife built a house on the Snake River in Jackson Hole, Wyoming and spend much of their time there. Eighteen months ago, "AC" had prostate surgery which was very successful.

1956

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Bob Conklin writes that he continues to enjoy managing his book publishing business and will do so for another three years, then sell it and retire. He is balancing this work with a week away each month at his beach house on the Oregon coast, then six to eight weeks traveling, usually to Italy.

Arthur Balser states that he has cut back on his work schedule since last June to enjoy the summer with his wife, the fall football games and the winter college hockey. Last autumn, they took their youngest son, Dana, on an exciting trip to Australia, visiting Sydney and the North Coast of New South Wales. Much travel is in their future.

Jim Dean notes that Dianne and he became grandparents for the second time on June 17, 2003 to their son's and daughter-in-law's little boy, Ollie.

After being ill for some period of time, **Don Dunsford** passed away in December of 2003, much to the sadness of his family and friends. His faithful friend **John Wilson** flew to California to attend the funeral and to console Don's family. John was a willing representative of the Class of 1956 at this sad occasion. Thank you.

Frank Graf writes that he and his wife have enjoyed the company of their granddaughter, Abby Steward (daughter of Jenny, Class of 1981 GDA and Chris Steward). Frank says that he enjoys the care of patients but fears for the system as a whole. He sends his best to his GDA classmates for 2004.

Tony Miller notes that the 1956 Class Summer Reunion of '03 in England was a distinct pleasure for him and his wife, Susan. He sends his regards to all the class.

Latham Nichols says that he has finally fully retired from his small engine repair busi-

ness in Barrington, NH and moved to his present address of: A. Latham Nichols, 53 Crystal Shore Road, Wolfeboro, NH 03894.

1957

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Jeff Fitts reports: "We now have three grandchildren. If you think your kids were expensive – you gotta try grandkids! My wife Sandy and I have been become snowbirds now, wintering in Sarasota, summers back to Framingham and NH weekends. Still involved in the insurance agency but our kids and cousins now run it. Best regards to all classmates."

Peter Cadigan is enjoying life in the Northwest – only one of four offspring still at home. Grappling with major issue and decisions. Medicare Past BC(?) Long Term Care Insurance (?) and other overwhelming questions of great impact.

I got a nice note from Kathy Parker informing us that **Tom** has retired after 37 years in the forms business and is actually playing Mr. Mom and doing it well. Tom has two older kids with three grandchildren and he and Kathy have a 14-year-old "teenage rocker" keeping them thinking young.

As I sit in my office emailing this letter to Sandy Keyes, GDA's infinitely patient Alumni Secretary, I hear the backup beeps of the plows clearing the parking lot after a particularly nasty six inches of snow followed by sleet and rain – at 28 degrees. So I open my GDA file and on top is a note from **Obie Obetz** about completing his move to Naples (certainly not Maine), another from **Skip Dickerson** in Mexico (again, not Maine), **Geoff Fitts** in Sarasota and **Tom Chalfont** in Alabama. I really feel bad you guys are not enjoying the four seasons up here in New England. We have winter from November to March, mud season until July 4th (summer), then fall and winter again. The Patriots made it all worthwhile. They just had an awesome year. And, of course, this is the year the Red Sox win it all. I promise!

Steve Correll has had some health problems and is looking at a kidney transplant once a nasty infection in his foot clears up. His wife, meanwhile, is teaching/speaking in India and Italy and singing with the Gainesville Chorus in Vienna, Salzburg, Prague and Budapest this summer. I am fairly confident none of those locations is in Maine. Good luck, Steve, and get well!

Received a long and very interesting letter from **Skip Dickerson** who actually lives on the Cape most of the time, with winters in Mexico and The Turks (just east of Millinocket, I'm told). Skip has seven grandchildren, tying him with your Secretary temporarily as he will add another in May. I am retiring from the grandfathering business, thanks to a virtual epidemic of vasectomies amongst my kids. (Thought you'd like to know).

I gotta tell ya, one of the many highlights of my highly paid position of Class Secretary is hearing from folks that I had, well, I admit it, forgotten about. How about **John Richards**? John was excused from his studies by the Grey Stick in 1956, graduated from high school and finished his degree at UNC Chapel Hill in three years! John has been married for 38 years on the 28/10 plan, generating five kids and living in Chatham, New Jersey. He promises to fill in the details in his next letter, exactly 47 years hence.

Well, I gotta go home and shovel. Let me hear from you. I always say nice things in The Archon, even if you don't deserve it!

1958

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Despite the fact that many of us are approaching retirement, the Class of 1958 still seems to be quite active.

Mike Dunsford reports from Lake Tahoe that he is still in commercial real estate and is doing quite well with all of the planned resort development taking place which caters to the skiing and golfing desires of the affluent. Mike still skis and hikes and most re-

cently did a three-day trek into the Hoover Wilderness Area off Tioga Pass in Yosemite National Park. Mike is also hoping that his grandson, Keaton, will be attending GDA in another 10 or 12 years, assuming that his Uncle Nuffy comes through with the tuition payments.

Nuff Withington reports no changes in his life, but is threatening to join another class if I do not generate more interesting news in the future. Nuff reports that he is still married to the same woman, has the same job and is still hopeful that the Red Sox will win the World Series one year. With news like that, maybe we should move Nuff on to a different class.

Ken Weene is living in Arizona and is working on a new novel, *Widow's Walk*, and is eagerly looking for a publisher. Ken just returned from New Zealand, a paradise which he finds in many ways reminiscent of the Byfield area of 1958.

Don Gray retired from the auction business in 2000 and traveled extensively through China, Taiwan, Europe and elsewhere and even bought a summer home in Nova Scotia. After a couple of years of retirement, he bought the Sandwich Auction House on Cape Cod where he specializes in exquisite antiques and decorative arts. He will soon be retiring again as one of his sons takes over the auction house.

Fred Sayles is enjoying his retirement which, in Fred's case, means that he is working four to five days a week at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute. He is thinking about working even less and beginning to travel a little more. His daughter, Jen, was married last year under towering redwoods in Santa Cruz, CA. He spent a little time exploring the northern California and Oregon coasts after the wedding. You may recall that Fred earned his doctorate in oceanic geology or some such thing at Berkeley many years ago.

Jim and Claudette Main still travel extensively as part of their work in the travel business, although it appears that Jim's travel back and forth to the Far East has diminished.

I am still living in Danvers and continue to practice real estate law, although I think that I will begin to spend a little bit more time



Mike Dunsford '58 with his grandson Keaton, who is sporting a GDA sweatshirt.

golfing, skiing, riding my bicycle, and interacting with my three grandchildren, who also live in Danvers. I participate each year (third year coming up) in the Pan-Mass Challenge, which is a 192-mile, two-day bike ride for the Jimmy Fund from Sturbridge to Provincetown. Staying in shape seems to be a little bit more of a struggle each year. Have any of you noticed that as well?

Keep those cards and letters and emails coming.

1959

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Walter Cannon is "working too hard in general and thoracic surgery" at the Palo Alto Clinic at Stanford Medical Center, but he still loves the job. "Our four kids are now all on their own so the home is very empty. My aviation interests continue. I flew in the Western Region Gliding Championships last summer and was 4th. "I still know how to do

it." He is also restoring a large vintage glider. "Great fun!!!"

Bill Whiting writes that after retiring a few years ago with 35 years in the telephone industry, he has gone back to work a couple days a week at the Mass. Audubon Wildlife Sanctuary in Topsfield. He works outside taking care of the property and leading some nature walks. In his spare time he volunteers on conservation groups and is Chair of Topsfield's Cable TV and Web Committees. He is learning about

digital video with a local group that is producing an ambitious series of nature shows for cable TV to be shown in 25 local communities. His wife Bobbi is still the Finance and Operations Officer for Shore Country Day where Bill's father was headmaster when we were at GDA. "She works to support my hobbies."

Jim Foley sent greetings from Albion, Maine. He has contracted for another seven weeks at Camp Caribou as an NRA Certified Instructor on the rifle range. He recently had a nice visit from Peter Bragdon. "Good snowmobiling weather - but COLD!"

B.P. Marsh writes from across the pond that he is still working four days a week running the Marsh Christian Trust (a grant-making body) and B.P. Marsh & Partners (a development capital company). He has recently sold a substantial investment in NJ but still holds his principal US holding in San Francisco. None of his children is yet married and he and his wife still live in London and Kent. During the year he has had visits from **John Catlett** and **Robert Dietz** and he visited **Topper Terhune** at his house in St. Martin.

Finally, **John Catlett** emailed me his annual holiday letter, which I will summarize. His three-year stint working in India for Rupert Murdoch's Star Group has come to an end. His job had been to start and grow a private radio group to compete with the stations

run by the publishers of The Times of India. As CEO, he grew the Radio City group to four stations that could claim to have the largest audience in the country. His departure date had been moved up, "preponed" as they say in India, because the government was beginning to complain about Star's foreign influences on the media scene. It seems that India still has an issue with self-determination. John was able to come home the long way via Hong Kong, Sydney, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Chicago to New York and then on to London. In every city he stopped to see friends, track down leads for a new job and/or stay with relatives. (Anyone know of a need for a seasoned media executive?) While still in India, John went to Nepal for the fiftieth anniversary of Hillary's conquest of Mt. Everest which he visited - from an airplane. He loves spending time in both New York and London since he has apartments and gym memberships in both cities. His London apartment is just above Brian Marsh's home in South Kensington. He had hoped to stay on with News Corporation to consolidate management of all of Rupert Murdoch's radio interest worldwide but that did not happen. No matter where else in the world he finds a new job, John says that he knows he "will not find more of a challenge or brighter, more energetic people to work with than in India. I don't miss the spicy food or the side-by-side juxtaposition of wealth and poverty."

1960

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I didn't receive much in the way of news from classmates this time. Perhaps it was too cold for some to venture outdoors to mail the postcards. You can always email me at johnelwell@verizon.net. Don't even have to leave the house to do that!

I heard from **Don Alexander** who continues to enjoy being a judge on the Maine Supreme Judicial Court. He finds that the wide variety of cases keeps his mind alert. In addition to his court work, Don has taught for over 20 years in the Trial Advocacy Program at the Harvard Law School. Last

Schoolhouse Society

Remember what you loved about being a student at GDA? Pass it on.



Jim Deveney '60 and wife Sharon

“Looking back, I realize that GDA meant so much to me at that time in my growth as a person, that it was an automatic to include the Academy in my will/estate plan. My years in Byfield, and especially my remembrances of top flight Master Educators who really knew how to mold young men, are still very vivid. Now, as a Trustee and a frequent visitor to campus, I sense the same atmosphere and witness some of the same relationships that we were lucky enough to experience over 40 years ago. What a school!”

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year he published his second book, *Maine Appellate Practice*. Don's wife, Barbara, is a successful utility lawyer, focusing her nationwide practice on consumer protection issues. Their son Philip is a graduate of the University of Southern Maine and an officer with the Wells, Maine Police Department, while daughter Katherine is in the dental hygiene program at the University of Maine. Don sees GDA quite frequently as he visits his mother every two weeks in Rowley, MA. By the time you have read this piece, Don's

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mother will have celebrated her 100th birthday. Now that is something to celebrate! Good to hear from you, Don, and remember you can always use our home as a stopover when you come to Massachusetts.

I saw Bill Vose during the summer at Vose Galleries on Newbury Street in Boston. If you are in the area, I encourage you to stop by the Vose Gallery and view some of the beautiful art work that Bill has available. Vose Galleries has the largest collection of art pieces for sale of any gallery in the Boston area.

Norm Kalat emailed that he is still alive although he hasn't spent much time corresponding. He sent along a picture of him and his dog Della at the top of Mt. Wheeler in New Mexico. (Norm looked great in the picture, but Della looked tired!) This year Norm became the grandfather of twins, Hunter & Susan, who complement Jackson, their first grandson. Norm also had a chance to drive the Alcan Highway from Anchorage to Prescott, AZ, which he reports was spectacular. Perhaps an understatement, but Norm reports that he is enjoying retirement. I am impressed ... Keep in touch with us, Norm. If you are ever in the area, stop by 266 High Street in the 'Port' city.

Jim Deveney writes that he is having a great time as a trustee at GDA. He is proud of the success of the fall athletic teams with three New England Championships. Jim serves on several committees and really enjoys "being back" on campus. Jim reminded me that our 45th reunion is but one year away. How time flies...never too early to start making plans to attend in June of 2005.

Greg Myer, that fountain of perennial youth and optimism, writes that their six-year-old, Bryce, entered kindergarten at the Pinellas County Jewish Day School and was the star of the talent show by singing the Israeli National Anthem in Hebrew. (Now classmates...Bryce must take after his mom, as I still remember Greg in Art Sager's public speaking course.) Greg and his wife Joan have sold their three rental homes and now have their primary home for sale. Recently, Greg was again hired by Busch Gardens in Tampa working in the culinary department after playing the part of a puppeteer in

Howl-O-Scream. Greg reports that he loved the job of scaring everyone. In January, Greg and family were off to Beech Mountain to try some skiing... the first time for Greg. I will be interested in hearing about his escapades on the slopes where Bryce has already mastered the mountain. Greg seems to be growing younger with each report.

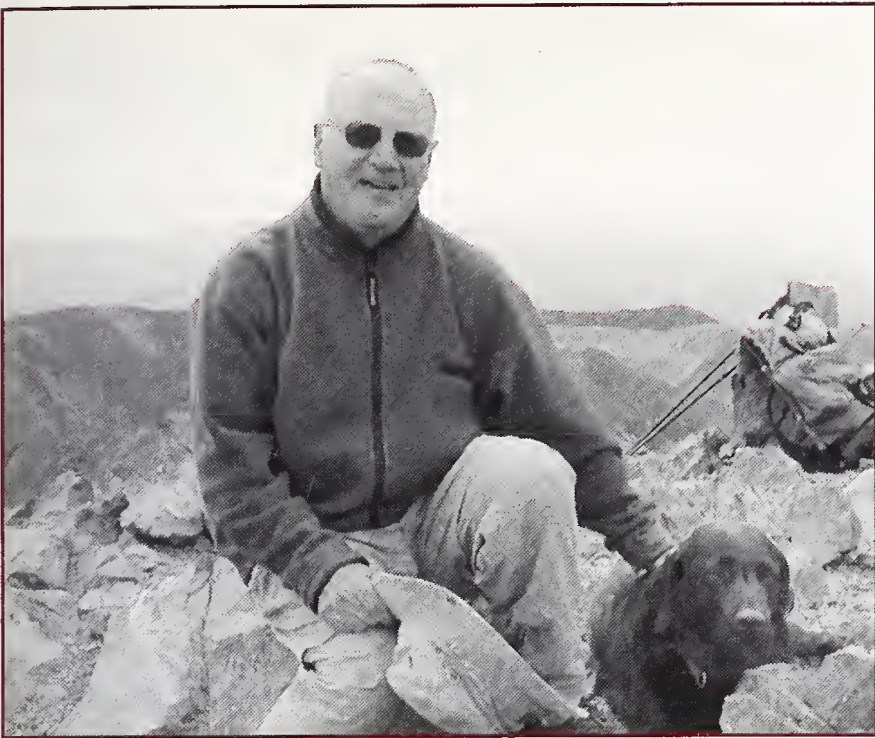
How about the rest of you classmates? What are you up to? Send me your news, happenings, milestones...I need some good copy for the next issue of The Archon.

I have been busy with projects at Maple Crest Farm in West Newbury. I will be planting another 750 - 1000 little future Christmas trees in the spring along with blueberry and raspberry bushes and a field of strawberry plants. I also am doing some educational consulting and teacher training which I love. Our youngest son, Jon, is getting married in May. He and his future wife, Melinda, have bought a house in the Springfield, Mass area. Our oldest son, Che, and his wife Jacki are the proud parents of a little girl, Ashley, born in January. In November, I joined five of my Byfield buddies as we drove six 14-ton Army bridge trucks to Florida. A friend had bought them from the military surplus auction in Limestone, Maine and wanted to take them to his place in Romeo, Florida. We made it the whole way without being stopped or questioned. In fact, in some states the police gave us the thumbs up and, while changing a tire in South Carolina, a military helicopter flew over and the pilot waved to us! It was an adventure...to say the least! With that news, I will close by reminding you that the porch light is always on for you at 266 High Street in Newburyport. I do hope that I will hear from many more of you in time for the next issue of The Archon.

1961

*Class of 1961
Secretary needed*

Alan Booth reports: "I lost my wife Lorine in September '02 to cancer after 34 years of marriage. Have now moved permanently to Tucson, AZ where we had a second home for six years since I retired. Going to Maui



Norman Kalat '60 with dog Della at the top of Mt. Wheeler in New Mexico.

for Christmas with my two daughters for a non-traditional holiday. My new address is 2291 E. Placida Sin Muerte, Tucson, AZ 85718 (520) 531-8022."

Peter Boynton has six grandchildren that "keep me hopping! My work at the Federal Corporation for National and Community Service goes well. President Bush loves us, so we are riding high despite AmeriCorps problems last year. Just signed up for three more years as Senior Program officer with the senior corps."

1962

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A special treat for me that came out of the 40th reunion was reconnecting with **Jim Deveney '60**. My wife, Karen, and I enjoyed a couple of days with Jim and his wife, Sharon in San Francisco recently. Jim hasn't missed a beat in his athletic prowess by replacing accomplishments in soccer, hockey and baseball with golf, golf and golf. At the time of this edition of *The Archon*, Jim is playing in the 51st Bermuda Goodwill Golf Tournament.

Sometimes we have to dig out old memories since, for some of us, the old ones may be starting to fade. Who could ever forget Peter

B at the top of the academic ladder – he still is. **David Lorensen**, noted at graduation for his perseverance, hard work and good spirit, has developed expertise in technology, intellectual property, internet privacy and security issues. **Andy Whittemore** continues to be one of my personal heroes in his role as the Chief Medical Officer at Brigham and Women's in Boston.

It was a distinct pleasure for me to see **John Tarbell** and **Charlie Pyne** in one three-day period last summer on

Long Island and Block Island. **John**, while looking as fit as ever after earning his black belt in Tae Qwon Doe, tries to keep up with daughter, Liza, age 9! I spent a few days as John and Anne's guest at their home in Remsenberg, LI doing my best Spiderman impersonations. **Charlie** and his wife Betsy seem to maintain an active lifestyle with a sidelight hobby of visiting state capitals.

We discovered at the 40th Reunion that at the core of our experiences at GDA were lasting friendships. It is sad that geography and many of life's intervening circumstances break up the possibility for these connections to be reinforced on a regular basis.

A sad note in the wake of the recent holidays came with news that **Peter Entwistle** had died in mid December from a heart attack. Peter had had a prior attack in 1999. He had been in progressively poor health over the last few years. John Tarbell and I had been in touch with Tizzie and Peter in 2002 during our reunion sweep. Tizzie was most grateful for the contact. Subsequently I have sent out email addresses and snail mail information for those of you who might like to send Tizzie and their children, Rebecca and Tom, some of your remembrances about Peter during his year as an ESU student at GDA.

John writes: "It was with sadness that Tom and I learned from **Ham Agnew** that **Peter Entwistle** had passed away before Christmas, losing ground to heart problems that he had fought through several years ago,

according to his wife Tizzie. My immediate reaction was gratitude that we had seen Peter at the reunion, and that we had a chance to renew our friendship with our gracious and charming 'Limey', as he described himself. Peter gave me a ride to school from Ben and Ellen's cocktail reception for us, and was, as always, warm and enthusiastic about seeing us all, inquisitive about how we all had been over the 40 years quickly passed. He was very pleased yet modest about his farm life with his beloved Tizzie and his joy at raising sheep and growing topiary. I related the sad news to **Denis Golden** and we both recalled how much Peter added to the track teams that he so enjoyed. He was particularly good humored and had an appreciation for, and patience with, the antics that Denis and I inadvertently or otherwise foisted on our long suffering coach Sperry and unsuspecting teammates. I am frustrated now to recall a picture sent to me after the reunion of Denis, Peter and me. If that kind photographer could send me another so I can send one to Tizzie and have a copy for myself, I will be very grateful. We are all so glad that Peter 'came over' and we will remember him fondly. Let us remember this lesson well and not let another ten years go before we get together again."

With the help of Ham and **Tay Vaughan**, we are trying to revitalize the class website. Look for notes with details soon. The news of the death of **Peter Entwistle** prompted sympathy notes from **Ken Pouch**, **Peb Rock**, **Steve Kasnet**, **Jim Gordon**, **Bob MacLaughlin**, **Rob Michel** and **Ted Moore**. I will be passing them on to Tizzie, Peter's widow.

Mac Donaldson writes: "Nancy and I are expecting our first grandchild in March. Somewhat mixed emotions – very much looking forward to it, but it's a reminder that we are not getting any younger." (I wonder who is winning the grandchild lottery these days?) Mac was also promoted to Yard Manager at Manchester Marine last summer. **Steve Kasnet**, another Manchester resident, runs into Mac in the yard, I am sure. "Life is good," says Mac.

Goldfarb Family Distinguished Professor of American Government **G. Calvin Mackenzie** has been elected a fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration. Evidently he is the first person from Maine

so honored. Mackenzie was inducted in Washington, DC on November 21. An independent, nonpartisan organization chartered by Congress, the academy is the nation's preeminent organization dedicated to improving the performance of governance systems. Fellows include leading members of Congress, governors, mayors, cabinet secretaries and agency heads, journalists and scholars. Their election recognizes careers of significant contribution to the practice and study of government.

My personal schedule has taken me to the east coast on a more frequent basis. I have made several trips in recent months to Cape Cod to see my mother. I look forward to getting a chance to see some of the class in the near future. My contact info: 650-868-6230, ttobey@stanfordalumni.org

1963

Need Secretary

Robert Mann writes: **Bob Fullerton** and I continue to terrorize South Florida with our good looks and vast knowledge acquired at GDA. Life couldn't be better!

1964

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Lee Potter sends greetings to all, and enclosed an interesting bio sketch. The article was about rock star Chris Martin and friend Gwyneth Paltrow, and said that his uncle, **David Martin**, "...was an ultra-Eurocentric Tory MP and once parliamentary Private Secretary to Douglas Hurd. He lost his seat in 1997 and now lives in Bristol where he is a barrister."



Connie and Bruce '64 Fraser

Recollections

My strongest recollection of GDA after all these years?

On the playing field, Heb Evan's "Aaargh, Fraser! GOOD LORD!" after yet another missed shot or errant pass still rings in my ears from time to time. Dorm life? The systematic deconstruction of "B'wana" Henry's psyche our junior year on Ingham II, a remarkable successful enterprise if, in retrospect, a Goldmanesque demonstration of true adolescent savagery.

But perhaps my most powerful recollection is of Mac Murphy, who mentored me both in the classroom and on the playing field my senior year. The time I spent in his AS English class was an ex-

Reunion Profiles

Bruce Fraser '64

traordinary period of intellectual growth for me. We read the classics – Homer, Hesiod, Euripides (no doubts about the true canon in Mac's mind) and wrote an endless series of critical essays on questions of honor, loyalty, and other values inherent in the readings, then meticulously critiqued for logic and grammar. What I recall most about that first real introduction to great literature and critical thought was both Mac's evident and ultimately contagious love of the material and his respect for my earnest, if fumbling, attempts to understand it.

Some years after my graduation, I returned to GDA and found Mac intently watching a lacrosse game. I called his name, he turned around, recognized me, said with great enthusiasm "Bruce!" and swept off his hat. The doffing of the hat was to me a memorable moment, illuminating the level of respect and affection that he had, not only for me, but for all of us. That deep investment in the lives of his students was, in retrospect, what Governor Dummer was really about.

John Heald says that he and Martha are living just north of Atlanta and spending a good deal of time at their summer house in Southport, ME. "Son Josh has just finished NYU graduate school and daughter Abby is in the middle of a PhD program at Princeton. Looking forward to our next reunion."

On the subject of our upcoming 40th reunion, **Charlie Parker** wants to know who's in charge and what's being planned.

1965

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Very special to hear from several classmates who have not checked in for a while. A collective thank you to each -- may your example similarly inspire the other too-long silent souls among us!!

John Mackenzie chimed in not long before Christmas. "After six years at Worcester Academy, I'm now in my seventh as Headmaster at Columbus Academy, just outside of Columbus, Ohio. The school has 940 students in grades Pre-K-12, one of whom is my son Scott, a first grader. I got a late start on the parent game but have been blessed with a wonderful guy here. My wife Kate, Scott and I moved to Columbus seven years ago with no midwest experience, but we have thoroughly enjoyed the area and have made many wonderful friends here. We do try to get back to Boothbay Harbor, Maine every summer to assure that Scott gets some



Jack Gregg '65 and Peter Bragdon after breakfast together in Radnor, Pennsylvania.

sound New England rooting, and he's appropriately brainwashed as a Red Sox fan, just to make sure that he has the benefits of a lifetime of exhilaration and frustration. This is now my 13th year as a headmaster and my 34th in independent schools. The influence of some terrific GDA masters prompted this choice at the beginning, and I am greatly indebted to their influence these many years later. (I even had a lengthy and heartwarming email exchange with John Ogden a few weeks ago.) I suspect many of the issues I face now are not dissimilar from what Val Wilkie had on his plate at GDA in the 1960s, but I also know that our challenges are very different, not better or worse. In the thoughtful words of one of my former colleagues, that was a time when 'relationships between kids and adults were based on rules, not on negotiation.' But schools have had to become different places in so many ways, and one of the fulfilling aspects of my work is to try to implement changes while still preserving the essence of the teacher/learner relationships that are at the core of kids becoming successful adults." Thanks, John, for this thoughtful update on your myriad activities. Now, do you suppose we can lure you back to Byfield in 2005?

Don Crocker also sent in a brief update on his life at this juncture. "My wife and I are on what we refer to as our junior year abroad, enjoying the endless summer weather in

Hawaii for a couple of years. We're keeping track of the Red Sox, Bruins, and Patriots, and looking forward to Super Bowl, Stanley Cup, and World Series championships for the local teams in 2004. While we wait, we cheer for the Rainbow Wahine volleyball team as they go for the NCAA championship. Before leaving, I bumped into **Mark Starr** a couple of times on the Green Line, and I am keeping his card with all good intentions to get together for lunch sometime when we are both in Boston." A very lucky choice being in Hawaii versus New England this Winter! We hope the Crockers will also pay us a visit at the Reunion!

Another most welcome missive was from **Brock Callen**. After inquiring about the late **Artie Cameron** whom Brock last saw years ago "sitting in a tree somewhere in the woods of Maine," he continues, "Speaking of the 60s I've been married to Hope for 35 years. Can you imagine putting up with me for that long? Poor soul...but I'm grateful. We've got three kids and two grandsons. Eldest received her doctorate from Harvard's School of Education last spring, is married with two sons. Middle daughter is a tenured teacher in the Boston Public School system teaching an inner city sixth grade classroom. Youngest (son) is a professional offshore sailor living in Newport, RI and finishing his Bachelor's (the 3-year program) at URI. We live on Martha's Vineyard where Hope is the executive director of Sail Martha's Vineyard, the contact agency for all visiting vessels to the Island and our community sailing program. After a first career as a New York investment banker (25 years), I struck out on my own eight years ago and developed some software for the insurance industry. Have a patent or two, some great associates and seemingly spend most of my time traveling." Brock concludes his newsy update, "OK, enough of the biography stuff. I prefer 'musings on the state of the world'. To that end...we all need to get off our proverbial asses and take an active stand against the current pillaging of our nation's reputation, environment, health care system, educational system, civil rights...and the list goes on. It would really be interesting to get Mark (Starr) to do a follow-up article on the one he did so many years ago for the WSJ. I wonder how many of our class continue to stiff arm the traditional life in favor of a more idealistic (realistic?) one? Or if they didn't, do they still harbor the

same emotional ties to alternative approaches/styles/priorities?" Well, Mark, here you are mentioned twice. We need an update from you soon. No doubt your tickets to Athens 2004 are already booked!

As to other classmates, I spent a lovely, albeit far too short, visit with **Charles and Carol Dunton** in their cozy Nantucket home during the Thanksgiving visit to Cape Cod. What fun that was!! I have also had the pleasure of meeting Judy and **Craig Johnson's** baby boy Eric and am pleased to report that all three are doing just great.

Lastly, thanks to **Henry Horenstein** for sending an announcement of the reception and book signing for his newest exhibit, "Honky Tonk. Tootsies Orchid Lounge and Beyond, Country Music 1972-1981," that was installed at the Paul Kopeikin Gallery on Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles from February 13 to March 13, 2004. Congratulations, Henry!

OK guys, think about coughing up your news next time - we'll be requesting this in late Summer. Until then, may your lives be all you could wish. Don't forget: our 40th looms next year!

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Members of our class keep showing up. I got a letter from **Larry Hilliard** down in Jackson, MS. He and his wife Mary Helen have three daughters and two sons: the oldest is planning to marry in April and then to grad school; the youngest is in middle school. He is fighting middle age by becoming a jogger - 2.5 miles every morning before work.

Boy, do I know that fight to keep from going to fat! I dance to try and keep fit. How do the rest of you work it? Or don't you?

Jack Tricky sent a postcard updating his family's life. His daughter is a freshman in college, and his two sons are wrestling at Amherst (MA) High School. Both boys are ranked 4th in Western Mass. Jack claims they don't get their techniques from him - but I

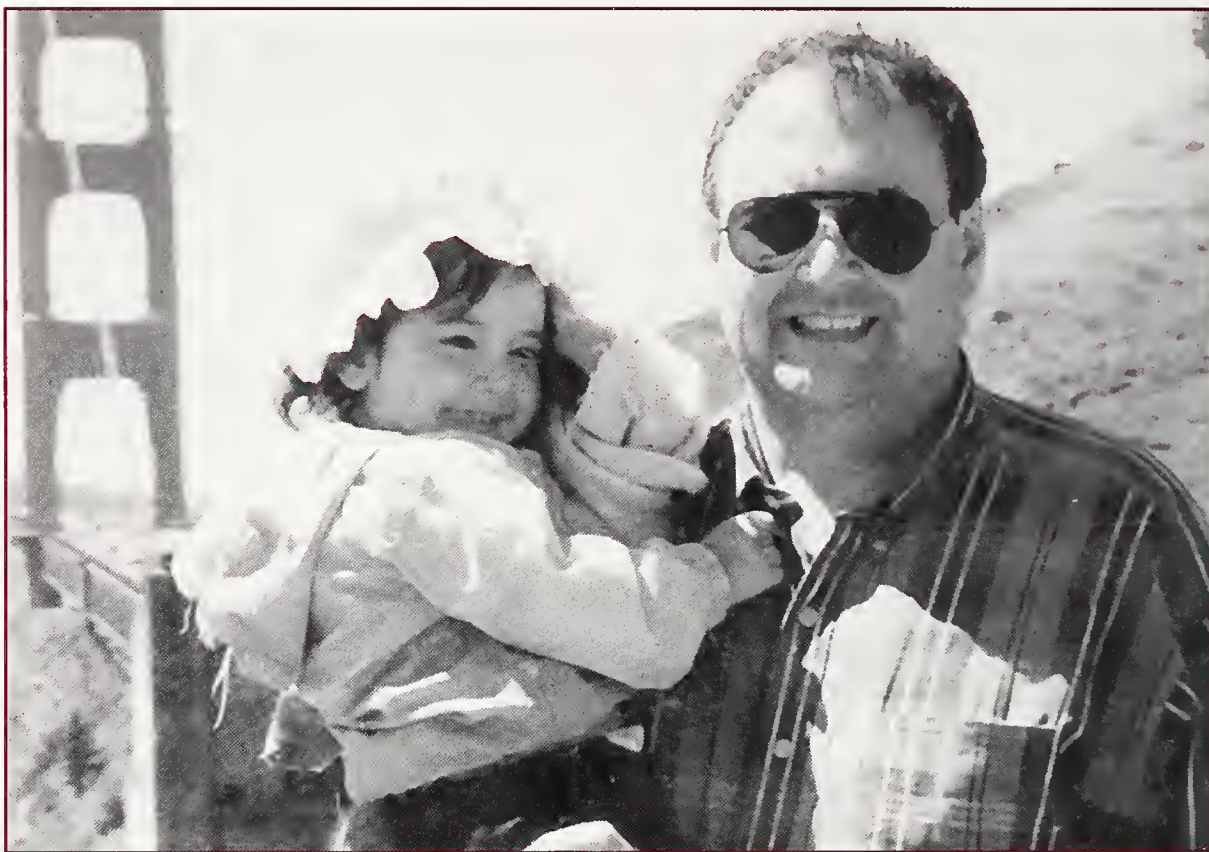
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remember him as a tough competitor for both Varsity and JV slots in the middle weight classes. Jack said he occasionally runs into **Winn Burt '67** at the wrestling meets.

Some of you were wondering what I was doing in the photo in *The Archon*. (Actually, the phrase was, "What the hell were you up to?!") That was this staid, aging environmentalist dancing with Highland Mary Morris - Maine's last morris dance (if you want more info on morris dancing, email me - njlittle@gwi.net)

1967

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Gene Romero '67 and daughter Kate on a trip to California a few years ago.

Out in the Bay Area, **Keith Adolph** recently celebrated his tenth anniversary at Visa International's U.S. headquarters. Daughter Lauren is in community college, while Kevin is watching the mailbox for news from the University of California-Santa Cruz.

If Kevin lands there, he'll join **Rich Brayton's** son, Whit. Rich's design company recently saw two of its major projects open Four Seasons Hotels in Jackson Hole and Costa Rica. Wife Mardi is making experimental movies (featuring Rich?) and painting.

After taking the LSATs, **Stanley Greenberg's** daughter Forest bolted Maine for LA, and she's talking about staying out in California for law school.

The guy who invented e-mail is saving **Bill Dougherty** a bundle on his phone bill. Two of his kids are in China and England, while the other two are in the nation's capital, working for the public relations firm APCO Worldwide.

Meantime, **Jeff Harris** has moved on to the next generation. He now has four grandchildren, all boys. Jeff plays golf whenever he can and had hoped to be in Houston to see the Patriots win the Super Bowl. **Reid Pugh** had to scratch his Houston trip, too. Trustees **Bill Alfond** and **Dan Morgan** did manage

to get there, however, setting a Class of '67 Super Bowl attendance record that we should be able to break someday.

Jay Marsh reports from Little Rock that he is looking forward to becoming a grandfather in May, when daughter Sarah expects to produce twin girls. At about that time Jay's wife Tommie will be ending a distinguished 29-year teaching career, so they may spend more time traveling. They have been hosting yet another exchange student.

Mac Barnes is enjoying his second year of retirement, using some of the extra time to explore places such as the Galapagos, the Pacific Coast, and the Tahitian Islands. His youngest, Heidi, is about to graduate from Cornell.

Andrew Nichols' daughter Marden was one of about 40 American college seniors to be named Marshall scholars, enabling her to study at any university in the United Kingdom. She is at Stanford now, finishing up both a BA and an MA. Andrew's other daughter, Rachael, has started work on her PhD in English at Penn.

From British Columbia comes this news from the classmate we knew as **Andy**

Rimmington: "I have decided to stop fighting biological realities. Medical problems that had been plaguing me in recent years led doctors to a diagnosis that I have a congenital condition believed to affect 4,000 North Americans. They believe that a hormonal 'switch' was thrown about five months before birth that led me to be born with an outwardly male appearance but an anatomically female brain. I decided to let my brain call the shots and have now had some surgery. My new name is Anne-Marie Lavery. I guess that makes me GDA's oldest alumna, and the Class of '67 can now claim to be the first co-ed class at GDA since 1900."

Paul Hemmerich hosted a Dean campaign volunteer from San Antonio for the final four months of the New Hampshire primary campaign. Daughter Alyssa is applying to law school, while Adria has her eye on graduate work in media management. Amanda hopes to spend her summer in Colorado fighting wildfires.

With more than ten million kids dying each year from largely preventable causes, **Dave Marsh** is doing what he can with Save the Children to reduce the carnage. His group was featured in the recent movie *Win a Date*

with Tad Hamilton.

Carter Evans is active with the Kennebunkport Conservation Trust, trying to protect land in town and offshore. Son Carter has graduated from Boston University.

In February, as he sat on the beach in Fort Myers, **Dick Boucher** found it hard to wax nostalgic about Pennsylvania winters. He has been casting about for promising real estate investments in the area.

Ross Magrane is looking forward to summer weekends at his Poconos getaway. He is teaching everything from science to shop as a full-time substitute teacher at Boonton (NJ) High School.

Anthony Gerard spends a lot of time in Washington, serving as a consultant and visiting son Rupert, a Georgetown senior who has been working on SEC investigations on the side.

The Chinese New Year drew **Wil Poon** back to Hong Kong. California's economic trials and tribulations have failed to take down Wil's printing business in Glendale.

After his company closed its Boston facility and reopened in Mexico, lifetime engineer **Bill Barnes** was hired as sales manager by Allied Resources, a safety services company dealing with OSHA compliance and other matters. While watching the History Channel last year, Bill saw **Joe Schwarzer** being interviewed about shipwrecks.

In Detroit, **Don Gay** has been busy with his insurance business, but on the weekends he has found time to officiate basketball and indoor lacrosse. And he is still singing.

1968

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A fairly good response for the Class of 1968. Coming out of a hectic holiday season, it is often difficult to get people to update what is going on in their lives. As I write this in early February, I think back to some of the

snowball battles waged in "the bowl".

Steve Robinson writes that he is still in the real estate business, Stoneridge Properties, in Newburyport. It is a significantly different Newburyport than what we remember from our years at GDA. It is increasingly popular for first retirement and vacation homes. Steve is always available to help "my old classmates" find quality real estate in the Newburyport area.

Rick Kaye-Schiess spent a day this past summer with **Dana Babcock**. Dana has retired after 20 years as a Federal Agent for the Postal Service. He is currently playing golf and will be moving to Florida when he sells his house in Clinton, New York. Perhaps he ought to get in touch with **Steve Robinson** for some long distance sales support. Rick is getting his kids ready for college and training to be a volunteer firefighter. He still enjoys being with fourth graders in Acton, Maine on a daily basis.

Harry Kangis and his wife Julia were in South Africa last November to cheer on the U. S. President's Cup team. As a diehard Cincinnati fan, Harry expects Pete Rose to be reinstated unless France and or Germany veto it.

Josh Burns is doing well. He is now USCG-licensed as a charter captain. He claims he has no immediate plans to run a charter business; he will keep us informed for our next class outing. He still commutes on a daily basis to NYC and sends his best to the class.

Ross Raymond writes that he enjoyed the picture of the assembled usual suspects from the reunion. He said he felt he was looking at pictures of our fathers, "but not a bad looking crew considering..." He regrets not making it to the reunion, but with his new job beginning at that time he could not make it to Byfield. 2003 was a good year for Ross but he is looking forward to an improving business climate for the coming year.

Dave Mitchell sends his regards to the class and hopes everyone has a great 2004. Mitch is developing a consulting business for licensing, marketing and strategic planning. This is keeping him busy and he is looking forward to a successful upcoming year. Not much else is changed since the reunion and

he looks forward to seeing everyone again soon.

Jay Worthen sends thanks to CF for the info on jbo's website. His new email address is jworthen@faulknerlawfirm.com.

Steve Cox sent the following email: "Hi Dan, So it's been years since I've seen any of you but I read the updates regularly. Still living in California, working for a small Israeli-based semiconductor company, M-Systems and deciding if I want to learn Hebrew. Somehow my three years of Latin doesn't help. One divorce behind me with two kids, Courtney (Yes, we named her Courtney BEFORE Friends aired on TV), 17 and Chris 13. I live a mile away from their mom and see them regularly. What's motivating me to write is the interesting adventures kids decide to pursue. My daughter, who is somewhat soft spoken, a good student and not what I would have considered very adventurous, saw a teen reality show called SWITCHED and decided to apply. Expecting there were hundreds of applications for a show like this, I never really took her efforts very seriously. Well, in December she received a call from the show to ask some additional questions and was informed she was being selected. So, two weeks ago, she switched lives with another teen from Naples, Florida. It was quite an adventure for her, one she would do again in a minute. For her mom and me, we got to host a teenage boy and watch the camera crew take hours of video of his different activities. My son participated in many of the activities and enjoyed the experience as well. If all goes well, the show will air in 6-8 weeks. Hope all is well with you and the rest of the class and I plan to be at the next reunion in 4 years!"

And **Charles S. Johnson** sent: "Not a whole lot to share. Spencer (6) had a fun Xmas but Laura and I had the best belated present of all. My daughter announced that we're to be grandparents for the second time around July 4th. She also recently graduated from Bellarmine and has taken a job with an internet bank - bingo, I'm off the hook after five years. Additionally, my youngest sister produced a nephew for us on Jan. 7th. It just keeps gettin' gooder and gooder. We hope one and all had an equally joyous holiday season."

As I write this update in early February, I am

in a cast after surgery for a ruptured Achilles tendon. I should be mobile by the time you receive this. Anne and I had all the kids here for Christmas, along with our new grandson. It was a great week! I hope that 2004 is a safe and beneficial year for all of us.

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35th Class Reunion

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Had a note from **Bob Amsler** who lives in Pittsburgh. Bob and his two sons are soccer referees: he takes the lines while his sons run the center of the field. He also helps coach his two sons in wrestling, both of whom are high school stars. He finds many opportuni-

ties to use Heb's wisdom in his coaching from the sidelines, like "Get on your toes!"

How many of us can still hear our former coaches giving us words of encouragement, like Heb, Bob Anderson, Chris Coach, Mac, and Buster? And for that matter, all our teachers with whom we lived during those years of our youth. It doesn't take much to turn the clock back in our memories.

I also had a note from **Jonathan Williams** who is back in the custom home-building business in Colorado as an adjunct to his structural concrete floor business. He is looking forward to our reunion and hopes to see **Joe Lilly** in Palm Beach in February, and is planning to ski Beaver Creek with **Tim Tenney** this winter.

As a follow-up to the letter we received in the last issue from **Jim Bailey** who wrote from Iraq, he sent me a photo of him and his unit immediately after the fall of Baghdad. He is the one in the center of the photo on the upper step. Jim said how much he appreciated seeing The Archon that his wife had sent him. It brought back a little bit of home to his forward position in harm's way. Way to go, Jim! Well done.



Jim Bayley '69 in Iraq after the fall of Baghdad.



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Ben Smith '70

1970

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Well, I guess I got what I asked for. Take a look... **Ben Smith** writes from Coco Beach, FL. that he is a software engineer at Boeing on NASA's Kennedy Space Center. Both his fish were caught on New Year's Day in 270' of water, 35 miles off of

Cape Canaveral. Ben is a rocket scientist "thanks to good old GDA." **Chris Morse** is fishing, too. (Are we missing something??)

Terry Nolan, retired from the military in 2000, has been working hard to prevent people from breaking into computer information systems. His two sons are in training to be Naval Aviators at Pensacola, FL. Terry and his family have been in Atlanta for four years now.

Jeb Bradley is gearing up for re-election after his first year in Congress. Time flies!

Henry Eaton writes that all is well.



Terry Nolan '70

Steve Dunn writes that "things are very good!" He has heard from **Tom Quinn** around Christmas time and his address is PO Box 721, Lower Lake, California 95457 where he also practices law. Also, "(My) three sons ages 7, 15, 17, and 'self' age 50 (are) in custody of wife 'Katie'."

Peter Alfond lived in Amherst, MA for six months in 2003, as he was involved in a family project. He is now in Puerto Rico and looking forward to buying a business in the Caribbean. He writes: "I am doing well for 2004."

From **Mike Mulligan**: "Best wishes from

in computer graphics and animation. It was great hearing from a new group of guys this time around. Keep in touch, as it seems everyone is doing well. Even if you are not doing that great, drop us a line early enough to get it into the next Archon. Have a great spring!

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Alexander '05, Catherine '01, Joan and Randy '70 Whitney.

Daughter Brooke ('03) is at Boston University as a freshman. Henry is looking forward to our 35th in '05 and asks that we check out his band's web site, duke-andthedrivers.com.

1971

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Jonathan Roof writes that he is still a Branch Manager and Vice President of the Washington Federal Savings in Tucson, Arizona. His daughter was graduated from Arizona State University with a degree in Television Journalism and Broadcasting. He is working on his third book about the teachings of Sathya Sai Baba.

Ojai, California, where I remain Head of School at Thatcher. A great place. Still playing soccer and some lacrosse, however ineffectively. Ski and ride whenever I can. Will take a mini-sabbatical at the Klingenstein Program at Columbia University/NYC next winter. I hear often from **Barry Burlingham** and **John Clayman** with whom I recently hit a BU/BC hockey game. Caught up via EMAIL with **Mike Fish**. Heard last year from **James Fleming**, who is rummaging about, found some photos of our sophomore year and kindly sent them out. Enjoyed seeing my hair again. Best to all."

I'm still living in Sunrise, Florida with Frances, my bride of 23 years. Krystle, age 14, is doing well in school and loves to talk on the phone. Kristoffer will be 18 in February and is enjoying his last basketball season. While at college, he expects to major

George Freimarck writes that he went to the 30th reunion dinner last year and had a great time with **Bill Frost**, **Bill Duryea** and his wife, **Bob Billewicz** and his wife, **Pete Franklin**, **Kevin Kearney**, **Ben "Muskie" Pearson** and his wife, **Tom McDougal**, **Bill "Killer" Watts** and his wife, and the inimitable **Bob "Jabo" Jablonski** on the Saturday night. There was a lot of good laughs (hope we weren't too rude to the dinner speakers) and sharing of life's tales, pictures of kids. George showed up for this year's reunion to play in the all-Alumni lacrosse game. There was someone from the class of '68 and one from the class of '49, so he wasn't the oldest guy there. But nobody from '73 who were celebrating their 30th reunion was there. He had fun, played reasonably well considering he hadn't played since junior year, 30-odd years ago. A lot of talented college players and fellows in their 20s and 30s; the game has gotten faster since he last played an organized game. His real sport since Columbia remains rowing and you can find him competing in the Head of the Charles, year after year. After 20 years in the reinsurance broking business, he now works for a catastrophe modeling company, EQE-CAT, principally serving the insurance and reinsurance world. Still living in Glen Ridge, NJ, with Gratia and their two girls, Olivia (12) and Averyl (9). "All the best to everyone. See you at the 35th reunion."

Pete Follansbee wishes all his classmates well. His family and he are in their tenth year in Virginia, and still growing and enjoying Richmond. His wife, Marita, and he celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary this past August by venturing off to the Smoky Mountains in Tennessee, climbing Mount



Tracy and Scott '74 Williams

Reunion Profiles

E. Scott Williams '74

Approaching my 30th reunion at Governor Dummer brings the startling awareness that I have led nearly two thirds of my life since I left GDA but I had lived only one third up to the point I graduated. How can this possibly be? I can easily remember intricate details of my life up to the time I left GDA, while the last 30 years all seem to run together. Let's see, the Baltimore Orioles' starting pitchers were Cuellar, McNally, and Palmer. (Can't name one pitcher for Baltimore now!) Richard Nixon was hunkered down in the White House. Ever notice that presidents you grew up with seemed presidential but none of the current ones do? The entrance to the Phillips Building was not bricked, the coffee in the dining hall was a little weak but I drank a lot of it, and Mr. Ragle faithfully came out every afternoon in the spring hitting fungos to me and other outfielders on the baseball team.

At our senior dinner I distinctly remember Mr. Ragle's parting words to us all. He told us that it was important to be contented with wherever life led us and that we could be proud of our individual accomplishments. He said that we

should choose as a life's vocation something we would be happy doing and not worry what others may think. This was probably the best advice I ever received. I'd like to think I followed his parting words.

Today, 30 years, six presidents, and two houses later, I run my own business, having keypunched every voter in New Hampshire onto my own personal database, which I make available to candidates for public office. I live simultaneously in two states, Rhode Island and New Hampshire since my wife Tracy is the Executive Director for Judicial Technology in Rhode Island. (She has better business cards than I do!) I'm the parent to two children, Alexandra 10, and Nathaniel 8. As evidence of my continuing intense interest in baseball and history, both my children were taken to Yankee Stadium before their second birthdays, and my son Nate and I attend battle reenactments, he being a Fife Recruit in His Majesty's Tenth Regiment of Foot defending the honor of the King.

I followed Mr. Ragle's advice and I suspect maybe you did too.

tinue to play with our emotions. As for the election – no comment.

Sarah (Ewell) Smith reports their big news this year is that Margo was accepted early decision to Elon University in NC. After touring 19 colleges, they are thrilled to be done with the process. Next they'll start checking out colleges for Zach, who will be 16 next month! They can't wait to visit Margo in NC – the Maine winters are getting longer in their old age!

Bill Frost writes that all is fine. He is starting to become a true snowbird. He spends his winters in Florida and his summers in Massachusetts. He sends his regards to all the class.

Bill Connolly says one daughter, Ruth, is a sophomore at Princeton; one daughter, Elisabeth, is off to Lehigh in the fall; and one, June, is a high school sophomore. His son, Adam, is 10. He, like others, is finding it hard to believe we have children these ages.

James Whitmore and his family – wife Tess, son John (7), and daughter Emily (3) – are in Gloucester and are doing well. He wants 'Arnold' to know he sees 'Magna' all over the place, but never really has a chance to talk to him.

Andy Lappin has just completed an 18-month term as the Chairman of the Chicago Jewish United Fund, raising over \$70 million. His daughter Lauren is a freshman at Skidmore, his daughter Danielle is a sophomore at New Trier High School in Winnetka, and his son Andy is in sixth grade at Glencoe's Central School. Andy states that his wife, Diane, is still hot after 23 years of marriage. He recently bumped into Bill DuBoq, former GDA Chaplain, and he has corresponded with former GDA teacher John Ogden, his junior year English professor. He also spoke with **Kevin Kearney** and **Mark Hoffman**.

As for the Durham family, I can report that all is well in Illinois. Work at Allstate continues to be very busy. The family is fine. Our ninth grade daughter, Andrea, still fills most of our free time. She is driving now, so developing some more independence. Celebrating my 28th anniversary with Allstate this coming June – hard to believe.

LeConte, and relaxing at a wonderful bed and breakfast, Christopher Place. His oldest daughter, Adriaan, was accepted early to Oberlin College in Ohio, while his youngest has entered the upper school at the Collegiate School, where he is still teaching English to tenth and twelfth graders. Just started teaching his spring senior elective, American Pastoral, a baseball literature

course. This year he was hoping for a Patriots Super Bowl victory, a World Series championship for the Red Sox, and a Democratic win over President Bush in November. If all of those happen, then surely the economy will improve.

Well, Pete got his Pats' victory. The Red Sox – keep dreaming. Like the Cubs, they con-

My wife, Jana, spends the rest of her free time donating it as the registrar for the local Girl Scout council. She coordinates all the sales (cookies, candy, etc.) for all the troops in the council. I spend my free time doing prairie restoration in the local forest preserves.

Keep those cards, letters and e-mails coming!

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Jack Swenson '75 and his wife, Rikki, on one of their many expeditions.

ing the 30th Reunion. **Ashley Romeiser (Bunny Read)** made a note in her Christmas card that she also plans to attend. I also heard that **Courtney Wang** has some very exciting news, but his card must have been lost in the mail.

Please plan on returning for our 30th!!

1975

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Happy New Year, Class of 1975! We are here again. This new year has taken me to a new home in Rockland, Massachusetts. I am keeping busy with all the various projects a new home requires. In the spring the 3/4 acres we have will keep my thumb green and my fingernails dirty! I may even try to squeeze some legal work in there somewhere...maybe.

Maria Papaioanou Gray writes that her youngest child, Rose, is graduating from college! And her oldest, Jack, is working in Boston producing television. Maria continues to teach, play the fiddle(!!!), dance and, when time permits, she travels. Do you still sing like an angel, Maria? If anyone is in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, Maria invites you to call or e-mail at gray@prsd.org.

Greg Pope says hello to all from West Newbury, MA. Greg has been busy organizing boys' and girls' varsity lacrosse at Pentucket School District for the first year. He says he has been inspired by Heb Evans who is still in his memories and heart. And

Greg is also kept on his toes by his three children Keais (15), Liza (13), and Charlotte (10).

Jack Swenson and his wife, Rikki, have been working together as lecturers on special photo expeditions with Linblad Expeditions for the past several years. They just returned to Seattle after a three-week voyage to Antarctica in November/December. They teach photography, especially digital, and then guide trips to remote locales ashore to photograph thousands of penguins. Jack and Rikki have also guided photo expeditions to the Galapagos Islands, Svalbard (Spitsbergen) in the high arctic, and to their favorite, Baja California, where they can spot a variety of whales and dolphins each spring. Although he can't offer a discount, Jack invites anyone looking for a fabulous vacation to beautiful and wild parts of the world to join them.

Michael Sapuppo writes from the San Francisco Bay area that he, wife Lisa, and seven-year-old daughter Sophia are enjoying themselves. He says they work a little, play a lot, and vacation when Sophia is out of school. Although the family was in Cambridge during the holidays, Mike hasn't been back to GDA since the 10th reunion. Sophia has said that she would like to live in Massachusetts some day...perhaps GDA and an Ivy League school are in her future! Mike extends an invitation to call if anyone is in the Bay area. And he is hoping to make it back east for the 30th.

Ed Beardsley sends regards and wants Ben Young to get in touch. Hear that, Ben??? He is currently living in Paradise Valley, AZ, (602) 957-1201.

Pam Blanchard Post made a second attempt to get her notes in The Archon. Sorry, Pam. I either didn't get them or inadvertently deleted them. My apologies. Get this, everyone: Pam is going to be a grandma!!!! Her stepdaughter, Loni, is going to have a daughter in March. Congratulations to you all. Pam says she skipped parenthood and went straight into the grandparent thing. The family just bought a cottage in Maine and will spend the summer there. And if anyone is in Hobe Sound this winter, grandma says to please call.

Rob Kaplan was wondering what fun it could be to build momentum for our 30th with something like the following:

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Steve Winer is looking forward to seeing everyone at our 30th reunion. His oldest daughter, Jillian, is entering kindergarten this year, and his two-year-old son, Ethan, is entering daycare. **Sally Brown**, how are your college-age children doing?

Doug Morse is always busy working on projects, including the recent acquisition of a painting by Diego Rivera of renowned choreographer, the late Hermes Pan. The painting was a gift to Hermes Pan from Diego Rivera in 1943, while Mr. Pan was vacationing in Mexico. Hermes Pan died in Beverly Hills, 1990. Signed and dated "Diego Rivera 1943."

Your class secretary is still enjoying raising her two daughters and volunteering for a myriad of activities related to sailing, lacrosse, and horseback riding, and for causes such as Save the Children. I still live in Connecticut with my husband, who commutes daily to NYC, and we are looking forward to attend-

class notes

<http://www.gda62.org/index.html>. So, let's hear from you all. What do you think?

That's all for now. Thanks to those who wrote. I hope to hear from more of you this summer.

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Tim Crane is still living in Windsor, MA, working at Crane & Co. Inc. as Director of Research. Kids, Holly (14) and Lily (10), and wife Patty are all doing well living in the hills of western Mass.

Allison McElroy Quinttus reports: "As our daughter further expands her search for the 'right' private school for her, we wish we lived in Massachusetts as I believe GDA would be that 'right' school. We are getting ready for the ski season (yeah) as field hockey, football and soccer are coming to an end. We all had a fabulous ten days in New Zealand this past winter and just returned



Michael Tulloch '77 and John Kent '77, taken summer 2003 in Lake Placid, NY.



Sam, Wesley and Tyler Hundley, children of Virginia (Ginny) Sutton Hundley '77.

from a super three-day backpacking weekend with our family in Pharoah Lake Region."

Tracie Ackerman Fornaro is busy building a practice in recruiting and human resource consulting in downtown Boston. If there are any hiring managers out there looking to find specific talent, she'd love to hear from you. Her son, Alex, is now in high school. She is skiing Mt. Snow this season and would love to hear from anyone in the Boston or Vermont area.

Kate Wise Tewksbury is still happily living in the Baltimore area with her husband, Tom, son Taylor, and daughter Mackenzie. They just bought a new house in the same area and are excited about the move.

Shelley Marean and her husband Jerry and children Emma (3) and Cam (6 months) were over visiting for Super Bowl Sunday. We had a great time cheering on the winning Patriots and planning our summer sailing on Lake Michigan.

Elisa (Sam) Adams is living in Concord, Mass., with her husband, Dick, and 14-year-old daughter, Ariana. Stepson Kailin is off to Brown University this year and stepdaughter Kyrie (living in Palo Alto) had twin boys in May... Yup, that makes HER a GRANDMA. (Do I see a first here?) She has been in chiropractic practice in

Lexington for 20 years now and still loving it. She added homeopathy last ten years. She is loving life.

Joaquin Sáenz writes: "We keep living in Colombia, along with Cristina, my wife, and the whole family - Laura (17), Mariana (16), Andrés (10) and Camila (9). Still working in the car business with BMW and enjoying life, although I've lived through some rough periods in Colombia in the past years. Will most likely be in Boston next April and will be sure to stop by GDA, where I have not been for the past 27 years."

Michael Tulloch and **John Kent** got together this summer in Lake Placid (see photo Mike sent). John is living in and working in Albany, NY, working for the state in the Department of Environmental Conservation. Mike is still in Arlington, MA with his wife Susan. They'll be celebrating their 20th anniversary this July! Their kids, David (14), Bennett (11), Katie (5) and Zachary (3) are all doing well and are looking forward to ski season. He's hoping to get together with **Dave Bell** and his family like they did last winter at Mt. Sunapee.

Ginny Sutton Hundley lost her mother this past January. There was a memorial service at GDA. Our condolences go out to Ginny and her family. On a brighter note, her husband Kevin has been looking at AD

positions at prep schools in New England... She is excited because her "kids need to learn to ski!!" See the recent photo of her children Tyler (13-1/2), Sam (10), and Wesley (2).

My family and I are doing well and are still happy in Evanston, Illinois, though I must admit to being homesick for New England and the east coast. I am in training to ride the Pan Mass Challenge this summer... a 192-mile bike ride across Massachusetts to raise money to fight cancer. The PMC has raised over \$102 million in its 24 years. This will be its 25th anniversary. Anyone out there care to join me?? It is a wonderful event!

Thanks so much to all of you for sending in your class notes. It truly is the first place we all look when we receive The Archon. So, keep those cards and letters coming to me in Evanston. My email is cnissi@msn.com.

1978

Class of 1978

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Hello all:

The coldest winter I can remember in my lifetime is still hanging on as I write to you all. Since I am not a winter lover, I can honestly say that the best part of my winter was spending three-and-a-half days in Orlando, Florida with several friends playing golf. We stayed at the Orange Lake resort in Kissimmee and it was very nice. Two golf courses, several pools and tennis courts. The weather couldn't have been better: 72 degrees. My daughter Taber turned 15 yesterday and my son Hughes will turn 18 in almost another month. I don't feel old by any stretch, but it does feel weird to have a 15- and 18-year old. I have remained in touch with **Steph**, **Brad Clark** and **Leslie** via email since the reunion. One fall weekend, we were all scheduled to meet at a GDA football game. Although I was unable to make it, Step and Leslie hooked up and I understand had an enjoyable time.

It seems my articles these days are kind of short...Sorry about that, guys. This is a busy time of year for everyone and thus only two

people wrote. So here is their news:

Leslie Lafond wrote me this past December: "Greetings to all! I am writing this letter on New Year's Eve, and as I reflect on the past year I have to say our 25th Reunion was the highlight! What a time we all had, great friends, wonderful setting and new memories to cherish! The rest of the year went by in a blur for me. My sister Kristen ('81) and her son Evan moved around the corner from me; needless to say, we do a good job of harassing the town together! Sadly, my dad lost his battle to cancer in September; we were all with him at the time and he stayed true to himself with his quick sense of humor up until his final day. He is missed by all of us. Daughter Meaghan is enjoying her junior year at GDA (yes, she has Mr. Abu for French!), son Bryan is busy playing hockey and basketball and generally just being an 11-year-old BOY!! NH Liquor business keeps Michael busy year round (and hopefully out of trouble!) My title business is still going strong. If anyone is ever in the Seacoast area, stop in to say HI! "Leslie, your Dad was a great guy. By the amount of people who packed both the funeral home and church, I would say he will be missed by many. Thanks for writing.

Rick Neville wrote a great story about his daughter that I thought I would share with everyone. "Hi Scott, I'm writing in response to your letter. It was FABULOUS to see our class so well represented in the donation section of the last Archon. Kudos to all of us. Reunion weekend was a great deal of fun for Amy, Courtney, and me. It was nice to see all those GDA folks we spent time with, especially Mr. Minster with whom I had a great deal of laughs! Your letter regarding 'random acts of kindness' especially hit home as yesterday I attended a program that my daughter had organized with two of her fellow piano students. They played Christmas carols for the shut-ins at the Nevins Nursing home in Methuen, MA. I felt an extra special sense of giving in seeing my child learning the concept of charity. Thanks for your effort as Secretary for our class. I'm going to be the same for our Rotary Club here in Hampton. I understand it requires a great deal of effort with little return! I'm sure you can relate...Happy Holidays to all."

Rick, thanks so much for writing and for sharing such a marvelous story...it was per-

fect! I also appreciate your words of support. You will enjoy being the Rotary Secretary and I am sure you will be excellent at it! Well folks, that is from me. I'll keep writing if you do. Until next time, stay safe, keep smiling and remember... keep thinking good thoughts. It's bound to have an effect on you and those around you!

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Here's what's fit to print;

Ian Fitch just got back from a two-week trip to Hong Kong and the Philippines to explore the possibility of founding a corporate jet service based in Manila. What a thrill.

Justine Cook checked in with some news. She and husband David Bullick are pleased to announce the birth of Evangeline Bria Bullick. After many years in magazine publishing, she has decided to take a break to be with her new baby daughter.

Betsy Farley says the cross-country skiing has been great this winter, with certainly no melting. When she is out at dusk with the simultaneous sunset and moonrise with Mt. Ascutney looming between the two, she still has flashbacks of Mr. White (Sr. Blanco to us Spanish students) making them pause during ski practice to appreciate a winter sunset on the marsh. GDA actually had a cross-country ski team; it really has been 25 years.

Amir Forsat is in Esfahan, Iran. He has been living there for over a year and goes back and forth to the US for business. Amir has been married for 11 years and has two children, Nadia and Daniel.

Wendy Bixby Cowie says that all is well in Andover, where she and husband Peter have been for 16 years. Their oldest, Katie, a passionate equestrian, is a sophomore at the Ethel Walker School in Simsbury, CT. Becky

(14) is applying to schools for grade nine and Christopher (9) is in fourth grade at the Pike School. Wendy is still staying at home and beginning to do some volunteer work for the Habitat for Humanity. She should postpone her trip out West in June to attend the Reunion. Oops, did that get out.

Jim Ronan and I played in the Alumni basketball game. I think he has played basketball before because he was wicked good. We Alums took the kids into overtime, but we lost by 5 points because they could shoot 3-pointers. I'm still with GNA Mortgage Group as a mortgage broker and enjoy it very much. After several years in high tech, it's nice to go low tech. All I need for work is a calculator, paper and pen. Quite a welcome change.

Okay, Reunion is fast approaching. **Avery, Deb Baker** and I are going to meet soon over some Squidman beers to try to plan some activities. Any input would be helpful. The 25th is a big milestone for us, so please make every effort to attend. Some have gone all 25 years without seeing each other. But I'm sure we all look exactly the same. Hope to see many of you at the Reunion.

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Dean Harrison reports: "My wife Judy, my son Owen and I welcomed my son Beckett Hayes Harrison last New Year's Eve. We live in Pennington, NJ where I still pursue my acting career."

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Andrew Morison reports: "I am still adjusting to life in Boxford, MA. Have two

children, Nathaniel (4) and Charlotte (1). Still working at Forrester Research in Cambridge."

As usual, the holidays brought greetings from many classmates near and far. It is always such a joy to hear from everyone. Chris and Abby and I have been fortunate enough to get to see a number of GDA friends this winter. We have been thrilled to get to spend time on different occasions with **Dan Cooke, Lisa Loudon, Kathryn Shilale, Jenny Schaeffner**, and **Susan Perry**. I'm hopeful that that list will grow before the next Archon goes to press! Chris and I really enjoyed GDA's Athletic Hall of Fame celebrations. It was wonderful to see Susan honored for her incredible contributions to GDA's athletic history. It was also terrific to see **André LeFleur '83**. The athletes of the '80s were certainly well represented by Susan and André.

Susan Perry wrote of the occasion: "Many thanks to you, Chris, **Dan Cooke**, Wayne Ice, **Randy O'Brien '79** and **Anna Gerry '85**, faculty member Betsy Clark, **Ike Suggs '78**, former Athletic Director Bob Anderson, faculty member Jeff Gosselin and, of course, Mike Moonves for sharing the Hall of Fame induction ceremonies with me. NO WAY could have I have gotten to that kind of welcoming back and celebration without the Class of '81. I am deeply thankful. All is fine here at Duke University Medical Center Neo-Natal Intensive Care Unit. I highly recommend career changes. It has been great. Challenging to be sure in many ways, but hey, life begins at 40! Catching as many Duke Basketball games as possible, and enjoying my time off at home in Sanibel Island when I can. I don't miss New England winters! Feeling wonderful and sending Happy New Year to all."

David Critics sent word from his home in Brussels. "Things continue to go well for us here. Work at NATO Headquarters with 19 nations provides unique challenges on a daily basis, and driving with the Belgians could make anyone a very religious person after just one trip. We'll be here until at least June 2005, so anyone coming over is welcome in our guestroom, and we know where the best food and beer can be found!"

My apologies to Clarissa for the misspelling of her little one's name in the last Archon. While I'm sure that the little one can dance, that's not her name! Sorry, Clarissa! From her home in Florida, Clarissa wrote, "Hi All! C-A-D-A-N-C-E is thrilled to have **Elizabeth Shilale** as a new buddy here, and I am thrilled to have Kathryn too! Lyn, where are you? My email address is: cdane@tampabayrr.com. Great to hear everyone's news!"

Mike Reilly checked in as well. "Not much to report. Daughter Erin turned one in November, Christy is three, and Colin is four and in his second year of school! Parenthood is tiring, (particularly for Diane), and time consuming, yet more rewarding than any day job. Saddam is caught as I write this...can't wait to hear the Dems, media, et al's spin. Merry Christmas to all."

Jennifer Malamud Schaeffner is doing well in Marblehead, having survived the process of building a new home with her husband, Bob. "It was a long process, but so very worth it! Our two children, Max (7), and Ilse (5), are getting adjusted to new schools, new friends, etc. They get so big, so fast! Was able to help **Lisa Loudon** celebrate her 40th several months ago!" Jennifer and I were also on hand for Lisa's baby shower in late January and can't wait for the baby's arrival in March.

Chris Teel sent a wonderful holiday letter from his home in Newcastle, Maine. It sounds as though his life with wife Kellie, and their five children, Sean (16), Brogan (14), Paige (10), Mikaelyn (7), and Corban (4), is filled with a lot of joy. Chris is working as a manager at Bath Iron Works and loving his job, while Kellie continues the family's tenth year of home schooling. Chris' eldest, Sean, is an avid tri-athlete and cyclist who hopes to compete in the 2008 Olympics in cycling. Daughter Brogan enjoys designing jewelry which she exhibits locally, and receives a lot of support from younger sister Paige. Chris describes Mikaelyn as loving singing, ballet and playing the harp. Apparently little Corban has earned the nick name "me too," as he primarily wants to do whatever big brother Sean is doing! The family's 1840 farmhouse keeps them busy. As Chris wrote, there is

"never a quiet weekend at 'this old house'!"

As always, it was terrific to hear from so many classmates. Though I'm writing this in February, with publishing timelines and all, I would guess that it may be spring when you read these notes, (one can only hope!). I hope that 2004 is proving to be joyful for you and your loved ones and that you'll continue to forward your news, and photos, too! Happy spring!

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Sloan Tyler writes: "Our news is that we are moving back to Alaska this summer for two years. Jim has orders back to command a ship and we are looking forward to the move. Hope to have the packers in early May and move up in June. Everyone thinks 'snow and cold' in Alaska but I think we have had more snow days here in Virginia than we ever had in Alaska. We are going on the third snow day this week and it seems people in the upper south are paralyzed by a flake of snow! I'll be celebrating my 40th in Kodiak, Alaska. So anyone in the Virginia area - please stop by before May 1. After May 1, bring a chair, since our furniture will be in a crate, on a vessel bound for AK. I am planning to celebrate **Karen Jantzen's** tenth birthday (she's a leap year kid) on Feb. 29 at the Aquarium in Boston. Sounds like a fun time!

Barbara Mackay-Smith writes: "I heard from **Elizabeth (Wells) Bunton** this week. She and her (fellow-architect) husband recently sold their house and business in San Diego and moved to Belize with their two children. She writes: 'After a long, fun journey across the southwest and Mexico via travel trailer, we are now in the Belize town of Corozol, on the north coast. We have been here for about four weeks, half of that time entertaining my parents who came for a visit over Christmas. Now it is back to looking for a house to rent and all the stuff of day to day life. We have already met some very nice folks, the kids have made friends and we are getting into the local swing of things.' Elizabeth's twin Annabelle (unknownst to the GDA Development Office)

is married with two kids and living in Pakistan. Just try to track HER down, I dare ya! I'm living the harried life of a housewife and mother, dreaming of the day when I'll be able to travel and write once more. Look me up if you make it to the Bay Area!"

We haven't heard from **Paula Veal** in awhile and, as it turns out, she's been busy! The last time I chatted with Paula was at the 15th reunion and she was single. Seven years later, she writes: "Our first baby is due in early May -- we're thrilled!" Congratulations, Paula!

Nancy Wickwire writes: "I sent my usual note-gathering email out to the class a few weeks ago, inquiring what everyone would be doing to celebrate the 40th birthdays? I for one am heading to Cape Cod with no kids, no husbands, several bottles of Pinot Grigio and some girlfriends. Just a big 'ole slumber party, only now with booze and probably we'll all be asleep by 10 p.m. Party on."

Charlie Sullivan responded to the above email message as follows: "Substitute Cape Cod with Arizona and Pinot Grigio with Tequila." So Charlie, too, is having a drunken slumber party with some girlfriends, but no husbands or kids. Go, Charlie!

Jonathan Wade sent his first Archon submission in AGES!! (Maybe his first Archon submission EVER). He writes: "I moved to NYC 18 years ago and never left, most recently living in Cobble Hill, Brooklyn with my wife Amy whom I started dating during my senior year at Skidmore and married September 1992. Most of my time I am either working at Wachovia Securities or home with my four children, Oliver (8), Phoebe (6), Abigail (4) and Louise (1). I have not seen or heard from any of our GDA classmates in years. If anyone wants to change that, my email address is jpwade63@yahoo.com."

Ted Larned writes: "Life is pretty steady with work and the daily activities of a life with a two-year-old. Carter turned two on 12/14/03. Our days are filled with matchbox cars and quotes from *Finding Nemo*. Evenings are filled with games of 'catch the nude baby' at bath time and 'catch the wet, nude baby' after bath time followed by 'dress the dancing, jumping, running baby.' Makes me wonder if maybe I WAS ready for chil-

dren BEFORE the age of 38. Life at Herman Miller continues to be fun and challenging. I would love to hear from anybody who has done any work with the Toyota Production System. TPS is my life. And anyone who is sitting in an Aeron chair can feel a bit of GDA connection, knowing that I was close by when it was being made. Hope you all are happy and healthy!"

Martha Lawlor claims she emailed her notes. I never got them, but do have the inside scoop on her news, nonetheless. Husband Gary has started a new job at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. Martha is returning to teaching with a long-term substitute position in Chelmsford in the spring. She is tentatively hoping to find a full-time position for the fall. They have three girls, Emily (8), Charlotte (5) and Eliza (3). **Martha, Alison (Miller) Montague** and I got together at **Heather (Vickers) Ryan's** house in Hamilton, Mass. in November for a cookout. I know, I know, November is a bit late in the season for a cookout. In fact, I raised just such a concern with Heather before the cookout. She told me to stop being such a wuss. Ever the gracious hostess!! Anyway, aside from the hypothermia, we all had a great time!

As reported in the last Archon, **John Nye** left Sothebys last year, and now has an auction house of his very own. Check it out at www.dawsonandnye.com!

Brandon Clark is still acting in LA. He writes that he "got a lot of calls from friends who saw my bit on 'Will & Grace' just before Christmas. Ran into **John Sylvain**, Class of 1983. He started a theatre company called 'The Sacred Fools.' Did some plays with them. Check out www.sacredfools.org."

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Reunion Profiles



Steve James '74 and Hilary Seward '84

Hilary Seward '84

For some reason, the one thing that sticks out in my mind about the class of 1984 is the attitude transformation that took place during our senior year. I think it was clear to the faculty and administration from the get-go that we were going to be a "challenge" but that we had a lot of potential, a lot of energy and that as a class, a little cohesion and direction would go a long way. They were right. It was the class of 1984 that established the school motto "Non Sibi Sed Alis" and my most lasting memory of GDA is hand painting an enormous banner with huge red letters declaring our new mission, Not For Self, But For Others. I think that it was this motto that helped give us the direction, solidarity and the confidence to go beyond the gates of the Little Red Schoolhouse.

I am the Director of Marketing for NAI Hunneman Commercial, one of Boston's largest and oldest commercial real estate firms. I work with Steve James, who is an executive vice-president. I live near Harvard Square in Cambridge.

class notes



Clare, Connor, Katy and Maggie, the children of Alison Hagstrom '84.

The wedding is planned for September 25, 2004. Jim continues to work for Legg Mason. Carolyn is an accountant with Price, Waterhouse, Coopers.

Danielle Jacobs is keeping busy with her family, but is still making time for GDA friends. She writes: "We spent some time with **Theresa Russo Camphorn** and family up at Sunday River Ski resort over the holidays. I hope the weather WARMS up so we can SKI again this winter! I hope everyone is bundled up!"

It sounds like **Aaron Halpern** does not have time for any getaways, as he and his wife Wendy and son Tycho have just welcomed a new baby girl named Clio into their family! Aaron is working outside Washington D.C. doing computational biology/bio-informatics. Congratulations, Aaron!

Just as The Archon was going to press, **John Neville** wrote that he has been spending the winter in North Conway and will be returning to his father's farm to work this spring. He added that he is "dying for good weather." I think we all agree!

Jim Rose wants to formally apologize to **Mark Staley** "...for all of the ribbing we gave him about his claim of being tied to the Chicago Bears organ-

ization. It was recently brought to my attention that the Bears mascot is named 'Staley'. Coincidence? Sorry, Mark. Hope 13-3 comes again soon for you."

As I was about to type up these notes, I received a great letter from **Heidi Healey Ford**. She writes that she mainly hangs out in Hingham with her husband Charlie and likes being a full-time mom to three boys, 8, 6 and 3. She adds, "Last summer, **Hope Williams** and I met up for lunch and had fun rehashing old times. We decided that after not seeing each other for 20 years, we both looked mostly the same, other than the fact that I no longer have braces and neither one of us still parts our hair down the middle! I haven't kept in contact with anyone from our class, but seeing Hope was a great reminder of the fun I had forgotten ('The boy punted the football' or all the stuff that people yelled at school meeting like 'Ssskkafffff')...I can't tell you how much fun it meant to me to get a call from an old friend, so if you've been thinking about calling an old classmate - do it!"

Thanks to everyone who sent in postcards. It was very fun to read them. I actually lost the one (yes, I am still a little flaky) from **Jim Rose**, so I had a chance to speak with his wife (who seems very nice!) and Jim took the time to follow up with an email. So he gets a double thanks. And it has been great emailing back and forth with Danielle and

hearing about what people are doing. Please listen to Heidi and get in touch with an old classmate. And don't forget to write to Danielle about it because she will be doing the next set of class notes!

1984

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20th Class Reunion

June 11, 12, 13 2004

Well, our 20th reunion is fast approaching and some of our classmates are still adding guests to the list! Elizabeth Kimball Williams and family welcomed Charles Duncan on January 1, 2003. He is the fourth son to grace their family. Big brother Owen is 11 and almost as tall as Liz now! Graham is in second grade and doing well, enjoying chess and soccer. Lawrence is enjoying kindergarten this year. Liz writes that she is still at home with the boys and taking some classes at night, still living in Newburyport with her mother. Congratulations, Liz, and



Ryan (5), Drew (7) and Sean (9), children of Cathy Scerbo '84.



Schoolhouse Society

Remember what you loved about being a student at GDA?
Pass it on.



Natalie Ames '85 and daughter Laura

"Estate planning is a task that most of us put off as long as possible. Recently, the process opened my eyes to the people and places that have impacted my life in the most positive and wonderful ways. Besides family, I knew I wanted to give something back to Governor Dummer Academy. It was an easy decision. I will always want to help Governor Dummer prosper just as the school helped me grow and prosper in my youth."

To make a Planned Gift to GDA, contact Peter Bragdon at (603) 773-5985 or pbragdon@comcast.net.

we look forward to seeing your clan in June!

David Gould wrote in from Bogotá to let us know that Rafael Isaac was born in March of 2003, joining three-year-old sister Veronica Apple. They are still loving it there and while they don't expect to get here for reunion, David sends his well wishes to everyone!

Georgia Wattendorf Guiney wrote in from North Attleboro. She is working full time as a social worker at an alternative school in Rhode Island. She is also a married

mother of four - Olivia (9), Julia (8), Georgina (5), and John (2) - AND plays competitive USTA tennis. She sends a "hi" to all and a special hello to Karen Gronberg-Schulte, Betsy Tuthill Farrill, Roechelle Smith, Heather Worthington, Mark Sullivan, Karen Fasciano and Sue Studley.

Aimee Walsh Schade is still loving living in NH, in spite of the "arctic chill" this winter. It has indeed been a particularly cold one this year! Aimee and husband H.A. welcomed Olivia Grace on New Year's Day. Olivia joins Julia (6), Tyler (4) and Carter (3). Aimee writes that "home schooling continues to be exciting and fun and the older children are already eager to teach Olivia lots of great things!" She hopes to see many of you all at the reunion in June!

Alison Hagstrom sent a beautiful picture of her four children, so look for it in this issue. She is currently living in Chapel Hill, NC, so isn't sure she will be able to make reunion this year but writes, "I have a lot of great memories from GDA - my best to everyone!"

Hank Friedman wrote in to confirm for me that there was no backcourt when we played (thanks, Hank!). Life for Hank still goes well in Taos. He finished his first year as coach of the Taos High School girls' soccer team and ended the season 9-10. He writes: "Hope to see you and the rest of the great class of 1984 in June!"

As for me, my life is basketball, Boy Scouts and work. The boys are all doing well in school. Sean (9), Drew (7) and Ryan (5) are continuing to amaze and exhaust us! We will definitely be part of the festivities in June and hope to see as many of you as possible!!

1985

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Meredith Lazo McPherron is still living west of Boston in Wellesley and enjoying a busy family life with three kids: Max (5), Ben (3-1/2) and Eliza (13 months). She started a new job in October working with a non-

profit organization called From the Top. They produce radio, television and in school programs that feature kids involved with music and the arts. She would love to catch up with anyone in the area!

Linda McCarthy graduated in May 2002 with a Doctorate in Social Justice Education from the University of Massachusetts. She owns a small house by a pond in western Massachusetts.

John Pappas has been busy shipping as a chief engineer, playing with his three kids (and wife, Kathy) and starting a new charter business called Offshore Adventures. His web page is www.offshoreadventuressportfishing.com. Hi to everyone!

All is well in Chicago. Work has been keeping me busy. I love the spring real estate market in Chicago! I have been in touch with **Dinah Daley** and **Becky Chase Werner**. Dinah is enjoying her time in Seattle and Becky is keeping busy with her family and friends! I will be taking my daughter Laura to Greece and Italy for her spring break in April. I am looking forward to visiting that part of the world. Please don't forget to start planning for our 20th reunion in June 2005.

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When I volunteered to be Class Secretary, I thought it would be a good way to reconnect with classmates and do my part to share everyone's good news along the way. I never imagined that my first class update would involve reporting the passing of one of our classmates. In late December, I received a note from **Tom Wallace's** mother, Mary, who notified me of Tom's death. Tom died



David Moore '86 with wife Andrea and children Caitlyn and Liam at a friend's wedding in October 2003.

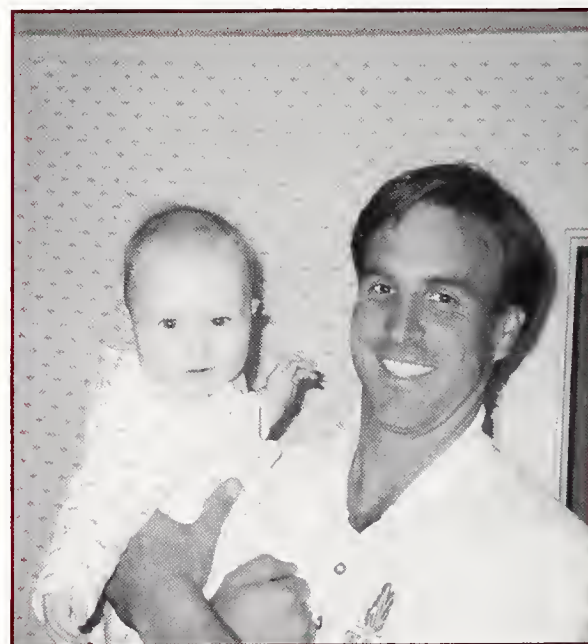
on May 13, 2003 of cancer. Two days after Tom's death, Tom's wife, Kortney, delivered a healthy baby boy – Conor Dailey Wallace. I contacted Tom's mother and shared my condolences on behalf of the class. I hate to be the bearer of such sad news. A heartbreaking story such as this serves as a reality shock on how fragile and precious life is. May Tom rest in peace.

I was happy to receive some good news and hellos from a number of classmates.

John Huard writes: "After leaving GDA in '86 – attended UMaine at Orono (ran into **Chris LeClerc** there) and graduated '90 – roomed with Nardone on the Cape and Boston for a few years while working in the snack food business – brief stay with the boys from Nantucket Nectars – back to snack foods in the Boston area for a few – Specialty Food Broker (got married to Sarah Mahoney from RI in '00 with Nardone as Best Man). Then the family business got hold of me – Artificial Grass Distributor (FieldTurf.com) to current – the birth of our first child on 1/14/03 (picture enclosed) – started and sold a mountain bike company (Sinister Bikes) with a close friend in '02 – currently residing in Barrington, RI. Scary how you can sum up 17 years with a few words!"

Dave Moore writes: "After moving to Syracuse on a lark, it turned out to be the best thing Andrea and I ever did. The cost of living is much lower than N.E. and we can have the lifestyle we want without the scrambling hustle and bustle of the Boston area...I was with the Onondaga County Sheriff's department for nearly four years before transferring to the Syracuse Police Dept. I enjoyed the work and was having a great time until I got in a car wreck while on duty and destroyed my back. I needed fusion surgery with pedicle screws and a few years of rehabilitation but I'm feeling good now... I'm starting some substitute teaching, but my major job is being the house husband for our daughter Caitlyn (11) and son Liam (5). Andrea (wife) is teaching math at West Genesee High School. She is the Math Department Chairperson. Caity and Liam both play hockey. Liam is in his third season, despite being five years old. He is obsessed with it and I don't know where that came from. Caity saw how much fun he was having and she quit soccer and started hockey also. She is on an elite travel team that will win the State Championship...I didn't plan my life like this but I'm enjoying it and I'll never take my health for granted again."

Carey Quinn Girolami writes: "Our big news is the birth of our second daughter, Rebecca. My maternity leave is about to end and then I go back to teaching third grade at



John Huard '86 with his son Thomas, who was born on January 14, 2003.

a private school here in Wilmington, North Carolina. Life for us is hectic but wonderful."

Kim McNulty (Mooney) writes: "I had a baby girl, Caitlin on 9/26/03. Her two big brothers Andrew (5) and Griffin (4) love her. I am still working as an ophthalmologist for North Suburban Eye and my husband is a patent attorney with Banner & Witcoff. **Heidi Dur Charde** and **Kim Carey Rochford** are also expecting this spring. Life, needless to say, keeps me moving but is fun. Hope all is well."

Vanessa (Hunt) Nysten reports: "My husband Patrick and I have two loving daughters – Marina (4) and Arielle (1). We recently built a new home in Windham, NH and are enjoying family life in the granite state."

George McCarthy reports: "My wife Stephanie and I are expecting our first child in early September, 2004."

As for me, on the work front, I got my MBA from Columbia Business School last year and am still CEO of Annie's Homegrown. My wife, Laura, and I live in Lynnfield with our four-year-old son Casey and our eight-year-old Golden Retriever, Clover. I'd love to hear from more of you. Keep the updates coming.

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Anita Russo Bartschat reports that she "is still living in Minnesota – three-and-a-half years already!! Christoph is in second grade, Nicholas is in Pre-K and Alexa is into everything (will be two in Feb.). My days are filled with kid chaos – but I'm still smiling."

Winter here in Byfield, as I'm sure many of you know, has been far from balmy!! Springtime and fresh air will be a welcome change.

Congratulations to **Amy Mack** and her fi-

ancé Mark on their engagement. My husband Keith and I were lucky enough to join them in September for an engagement party at the Mack's beach house on Plum Island. Also in attendance were Tilo and **Lucy (Armstrong) Henkes**, **Ben Armstrong ('85)**, **Paula and Greg Haas**, and **Katie Mack '93**. Amy writes: "It was great to see you all. Happy New Year! Moved back east this summer from San Francisco with my fiancé Mark. We're in D.C. and enjoying the seasons again. We're getting married in June and can't wait to be out of the Planning Phase and into the 'Just Married' phase!"

Congratulations to **Amy (Goldstein) Northrup** and her husband Andrew on their new home in Byfield. Who would have thought we'd end up back here?!

Aaron Gartland writes: "I can't believe how long it's been." (Yes, Aaron, it has been a long time – Great to hear from you!) "I enjoy reading The Archon and keeping up with our class info. I'm married and living in Watertown, MA. with my wife Lisa and our son Avery. He turned three in November – he's my angel. Working as a Senior Lending Manager at Boston Mortgage Funding also keeps me busy. I see

Jeff Katz every now and then playing club lacrosse in Boston. I hope everyone is great and I look forward to the next Archon."

Kris Kolbialka writes: "Have started my own archival consulting business, mainly helping small non-profit institutions establish their archives. Life is hectic, eh?"

Buzz Crocker and Jennifer Talman are "eager to get married on July 17 in Chicago. Peter Bragdon has made a commitment to be there!"

1988

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Here I am again. Trying to be settled four months after our move back to Ohio. The girls have finally adjusted and we are all very happy to be back in the Midwest. The new year has brought us some minor injuries and I am now familiar with the Children's Hospital Urgent Care and Emergency

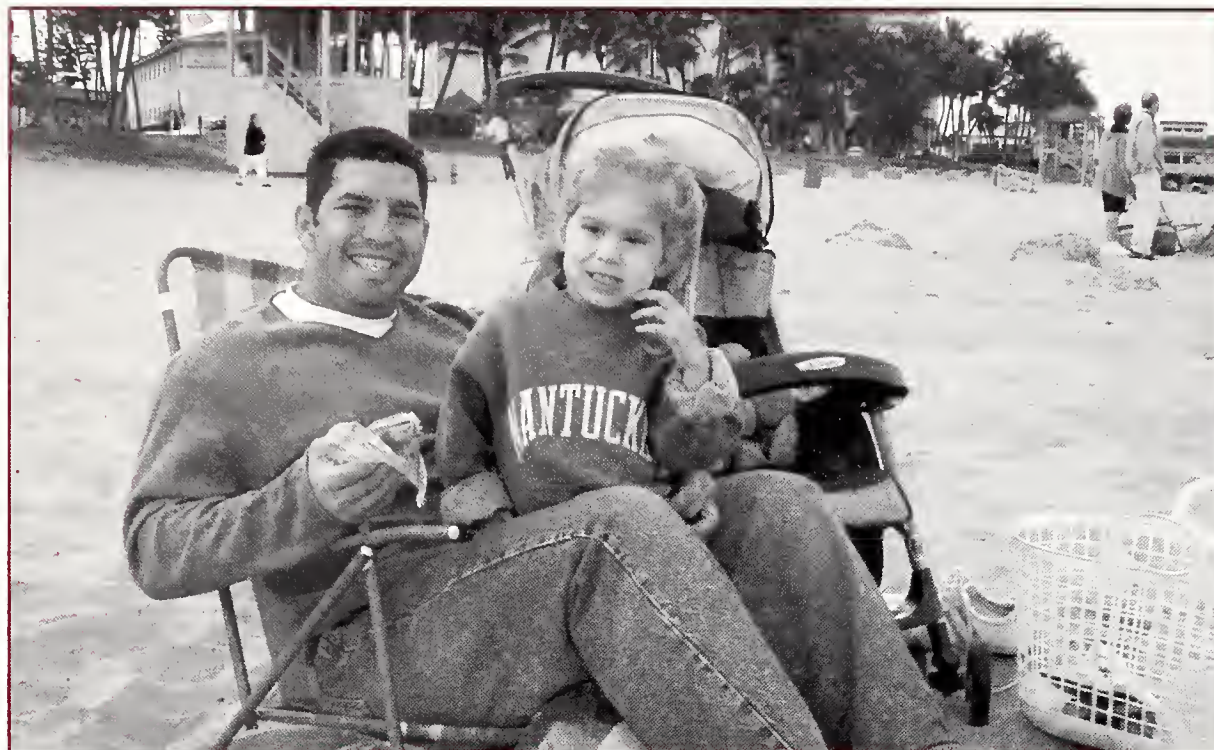
Room facilities. Nothing lasting, but I will be happy when the spring is here and I do not have to worry about falling down stairs and banging into doors. All of the pitfalls in a new home, I am afraid, built in 1940 but new to us. I was so careful to not put thresholds from the girls' rooms to the hallway because I was sure they would go flying. What I didn't anticipate was that playing fairy and just plain walking was going to be hazardous!! I am planning a trip to NYC; I am nervous about the looks I will get in the airport with Sophie's black eye and Alexis' fat, bruised lip and nose. I may be contacting you all for some character references soon. HELP!!!! On a lighter note, being in the Midwest during an election year does my political science heart good, since the candidates love to come and speak in the 'heartland' of America. It will be funny to hear a Boston accent in Ohio if John Kerry secures the Democratic nomination, but also a comfort to my New England ears.

Here is the news from "around the dial."

Meganne Fabrega begs for "non baby" news... it sounds like she wants to break into the movies. "Hi Deana! We are surviving the harsh New England winter, though once again questioning our motives for living here. Had a nice Thanksgiving surprise seeing **Jed Mixter**, **Brendon O'Brien** and **Jason McLoy** at Jed's house. Just got a card from **Kristina Frame** who moved back to VT. **Airin Brown** moved to San Francisco and loves it. **Lise Carrigg ('87)** opened a very cool clothing store in Newburyport called Mary Jane – check it out! Glad to hear the Class of '88 is fairly fertile – but I want to know what else people are doing besides making babies! Someone's got to be showing at Sundance....!" Sounds fishy... she included a 5x7 glossy photo if anyone is interested in her auditioning for a part. I "hear" that Meg has a debut in the February edition of Real Simple magazine, where she offered some suggestions for the readers. Perhaps a future columnist, Meg?

I was so surprised to hear from our next wayward classmate. Some cool news... Meg, look!

Todd O'Brien writes: "I know it has been too long. I hope you and your family are well. Everything is going well for us. I am actually finishing my residency in Orthopedics this June. I have one more year



Bill Karger '88 with daughter Taylor on the beach in Florida.

of training. I am doing a fellowship in shoulder and elbow surgery, six months in Zurich, Switzerland and six months at Mass General. So, Britt and I are looking forward to being back in Boston." What a surprise to hear from him. He used to write with such precision that it looked as if he was crafting each letter in his words... Now, messy doctor writing. It looked like he misspelled orthopedics and I had some problems reading the rest... Todd, what happened!!!! I am so glad that we heard from you.

From another class physician, **Michelle LaFlamme**: "Hope all is well. My husband and I are getting used to life as Southerners in North Carolina. The winter weather is great. We are both learning to play golf. We are also expecting our second baby. I'm still in the nausea, vomiting and tired stages. My daughter McKenzie, 20 months, has also started crib escapes. I ran into **Chris D'Orio**, his wife and two boys the day after Christmas in Marblehead. He looks great and his boys, so cute! My sister and **Jason Uttam** '91 live in Marblehead. I would love to catch up with any alumni in the NC area." I have to say that the "tired" stage is long lived once you have kids.

I have been talking with **Heidi (Danielson) Stevens** and we are both in agreement that

the "tired thing" doesn't end after pregnancy! She wrote: "Let's see... Stuff for The Archon. I am at home most days with my son Noah (2 -1/2) and six-month-old daughter Greta who is happy and delightful but is a lousy sleeper. I work every other weekend at Exeter Hospital as a physical therapist and teach a 'back and body health' class for pregnant women a couple times a month. Sorry I missed the reunion but I was fat (pregnant) and grumpy." On a recent trip to the grocery store Noah revealed himself to be quite a little politician, saying hello to everyone and yelling across the store, "Hey lady, Hello." A future New Hampshire Senator??!!?! Heidi was a bit horrified, but what can you do but laugh, after you tell him to stop yelling?

Through Heidi we received some news about **Martin Wallem**. He and his wife Cara have a son Martin Jr. and live in New Hampshire. Martin is battling Lou Gehrig's Disease. They drive to Canada for treatments and Cara is going to stop working this month to stay with Martin full time. I wanted to update all of you on **Martin and Cara Wallem's** ALS Fund Account set up by the family to help with the costs of treatment for his disease. If you feel you would like to help, donations can be mailed to:

Capital Crossing Bank
101 Summer Street
Boston, MA 02110
Attn: Branch

Checks should be made payable to:
The Martin Wallem ALS Fund
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I received news of another classmate, this time from "across the pond." His card got here a bit late for last Archon's notes, so here it is now. **Hugh Ogilvie** writes: "Hello from England. Currently on holiday in Cornwall with Fleur, my wife, who is six months pregnant with our first child. The due date is December 12th. Busy with preparations and planning for our move out of London, up north - Yorkshire to be exact. I continue to enjoy my job as a criminal defense lawyer, doing more advocacy in the courts, which I find challenging and interesting. Fleur does Human Resources - employment tribunals and disciplinary hearings. We are both very happy and I hope everyone is very well. Love and best wishes." Hugh, please update us on your new arrival. We hope that you are all still well. Email any photos!

Also, better late than never, and missing last month's deadline was **Erika Sayewich Buell**: "Just wanted to report that my husband Sam and I had a beautiful healthy girl born August 22nd at 11:47 p.m. (We went into the hospital at 6 a.m. so it was a horrid labor!) Anna Lindsay Buell was 20.5 inches long and weighed an ounce shy of nine lbs. Needless to say, I'm at home recovering! We're all doing well and she seems to be a pretty relaxed baby so far. I went to the reunion in June and saw many alums—especially **Kristina Frame** and her gorgeous baby Stella. We just stayed for the daytime festivities so I didn't get to see those who came for the dinner but it was lots of fun (and a great reminder of why we all had the motivation to run the five-mile loop—to escape the mosquitoes!). Madeleine (our oldest—three yrs. old in June) is starting school on Friday so I'm looking forward to that milestone."

And more baby news... **Jill Goldman Miller** says, "We are expecting our second child, due in late January. Also, building our



Greta Stevens, daughter of Heidi Danielson Stevens '88, was born on August 9, 2003. She was 7 lbs. 11 oz. and 19" long.

second house; hopefully we will be in it in late October. Take care!!" Jill, please let me know if you visit Ohio. It would be great to see you and the kids.

Any guesses on this alum? "I have gone back to teaching science part time at the high school level. We are expecting #5 this summer! I have been really sick with this one. A boy?"

Answer: **Lisa Sweeney Ryan** has done it again, with MORE baby news. By far, the largest family to date in our class. Lisa, please let us know if you have a boy. I feel like I should be running a pool to take bets on due date and sex of your next child!!! I am not quite sure if we should take your ill feelings into account since your schedule alone is EXHAUSTING!

Dan Morison and his wife Albina welcomed a new baby girl this fall. Charlotte Gratiane Marie de Montemort. [Lisa Sweeney has the most children and Dan has the child with the longest name!! Sorry Dan, I couldn't resist the teasing.] At eight pounds eight ounces she arrived on September 13, 2003 in Boston, MA. Dan wrote recently, "She's doing great. Starting on cereal and sleeping pretty well now so we are all becoming much happier. It was difficult there for a while. Hope all is well." The "tired thing" again!! Dads too!

Kara Moheban McLoy and **Jason McLoy**

'89 are on the move to the "burbs" with cute little Jake and a big belly too! She wrote me from an internet café in the Cayman Islands, "I am due the first week in March. We are looking forward to having a little girl. I'll have to call you for advice. We love living in the burbs!"

Andy Noel also has more kids at home. "A.J. Noel arrived into the world on January 5th, 2004. Our family is now really complete with Lucy (4), Andrew (3) and A.J." Andy also wrote about seeing a lot of alums at Larry Piatelli's service. "Coach Piatelli's funeral service in Brookline was a very sad moment. It was incredible to see all those GDA students/faculty who made an appearance at the church. Glad to see faces such as **Mike Yeagley**. It was a special feeling to be there with **Derek Sullivan**, **Chris D'Orio**, **Alex Moody**, **Kevin Lydon** and others from the GDA hockey days. Larry left an indelible impression on all of us that I know I will carry with me forever. Jane, our love is with you and the boys as you move ahead."

Mrs. P. is remembered in many of our thoughts and prayers as she and the boys move forward after their loss. I am sure I speak for our class in wishing them all our very best and also in expressing our sadness at the loss of such a wonderful coach and teacher who touched so many in our little GDA community. To say that he will be missed seems like such an understatement.

Thanks to everyone for all of your information this time. It didn't seem like too much, but I was surprised in the end at how much we have going on these days. Keep all of the information coming! Enjoy the spring-time warm up!!

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15th Class Reunion

June 11, 12, 13 2004

Here's hoping that as you read this, you are enjoying the warm breezes of spring and have recovered from celebrating (or lamenting) another Super Bowl victory for the Patriots.

Apparently I am not the only one anxiously awaiting the arrival of warm weather. **Allison (Schmerhorn) Williams** reports, "It's been VERY cold up here in NH and I'm looking forward to spring temperatures. Greg and I keep busy following the UNH hockey team by attending the home and many of the away games." Allison also works with the GDA Alumni Council and diversity committee. She recently had a chance to catch up with **Tonya Kovach** who was in town over the Christmas holidays.

Jennifer Cowles is also living in New Hampshire. "I work out of my house as a marketing director for a small high-tech company based in New Jersey." Jenn also manages to cross paths with **Carrie Hunter O'Keefe** periodically. Jenn spent part of her holidays visiting her sister Jessica and her family in Beijing.

Speaking of **Jessica (Cowles) Pidgeon**, the reports from the Far East are that Jess and her family will not be Asian dwellers much longer. "We will be leaving sometime in the last quarter of 2004 and moving on to much sunnier pastures. Our next post is Bermuda (kind of hard to take). Should be interesting." Anyone else a little jealous? Jess also inquired about the whereabouts of **Lauren (Jellinek) Flower**. We'll try to have an update in time for the fall Archon.

Derek Van Vliet traded a couple of emails with me immediately following the Pats' victory. He reports that he and Meghan are expecting the arrival of another baby in July.

I also received a report from **Lindsey Curley's** mother. Lindsey is living in London and working as a vice-president of international relations for an investment company.

As for my family, we are experiencing the joys and tribulations of two young boys. Jack (3) enjoys attempting to master the guitar and drums, while Gray likes his first feeding of the morning promptly at 5:30 a.m. There is never a dull (or quiet) moment for the rest of the day.

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David Smith reports: "I married Kate McIlvain on August 9, 2003. **Chad Harlow, Billy Batchelder, Brian Rodgers** and **Jocelyn Malik** made it to the wedding. Today, 11/14/03, we closed on our first house."

GO PATS! What a great game it was. New England and GDA both represented. **Lori Weener** was there in Houston cheering them live.

Meanwhile, back in New England, more great news. **Kristin (Morgan) Mollineaux** writes that she and husband, Steve, bought a condo in Newburyport.

Molly (Jerabek) Frey updates. "My hus-

band, Jon, and I were in San Francisco for the past eight years. I went back to school to study interior design and was working for an architect out there and remodeling our house. After having our son, we decided to come back East to be closer to our families. We moved back this year and found a house in Marblehead that we are remodeling. In the midst of all this, we had another baby - we now have two-and-a-half-year old Max and six-month old Grayson (yes, after that Grayson). Now that we are back on the East Coast, I look forward to catching up with some GDA alumni that live in MA."

The original Grayson writes: "We had a very happy New Year because on Dec. 31st we had another boy! William Joseph Coale. Everything is going well; he is a much better sleeper than my first boy, Charlie, so we are getting a little rest. We are getting excited for the birth of **Kathryn DiNanno's** little girl in March."

Jocelyn Malik writes: "Life is good in Pittsburgh!" She graduated from Carnegie Mellon with a Master's in Arts Management in May and started with the Pittsburgh Symphony in June. And she's getting married to Tom Link, whom she met at CMU where he was studying Public Policy, on August 28, 2004. "Yah!"

As you can see, this issue turned out to be, so far, all about the ladies. Now, for some news about the gentlemen. **Nick Vachon** is a divorce counselor working privately with Britney Spears, while **Mike Kalil** was the choreographer for Janet's Half-Time Show. I told you I'd start making stuff up if you don't write.

As always, thanks to all of you who wrote. Congratulations on more wonderful news of love, new life and new beginnings!

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I hope that everyone is having a wonderful

new year thus far. While I didn't hear from that many of you this time around, I am happy to say that I did hear from some of you that I hadn't heard from in a long time.

Eric Kaiser's wife, Jacqueline, was kind enough to fill out Eric's card for him. Eric and Jacqueline live in Watertown, MA with their one-year-old daughter, Katie. Eric is the VP of a family company in Boston that imports seafood.

In the long lost category, I heard from **Joe Sowerby**. Joe was only at GDA for his sophomore year and then returned to Maine and graduated high school there. He then headed west and attended the University of Montana, earning a degree in Forest Resource Management. He is now taking classes towards his MBA. Joe married his wife Carol in April of '03 and lives in Missoula, MT where he owns and operates the Montana Fly-fishing Connection, a fly-fishing outfitting business! They hold special permits to do 60-mile/five-day float trips on one of Montana's most remote rivers, the Smith River. They also provide guide fly-fishing on many other rivers in Western Montana. The brochure is really cool and they have a website, www.mtffc.com. If you ever have the opportunity to get to Missoula you should check it out.

Toby Levine continues all of her yoga endeavors and has accepted a position to teach yoga in Bangkok for the next year. You can check out her activities there at www.pranayogabangkok.com. When Toby was home for a brief visit she was able to catch up with **Jen Mack** and **Leah Benander** and their babies. She also caught up with **Michael and Stephen Aron** in Florida when visiting her parents.

Leslie McCant Lacy and her husband Fred are expecting a baby girl this May. Congratulations. They have moved into a new house in Louisiana, and 2004 also marks Leslie's last year of law school, which she is very excited about.

Things in San Francisco are certainly warmer than the snowy reports from back East. **Catherine and Billy Batchelder** continue to be busy working and chasing after their son Will, who now can run quite freely. Billy continues to work at EMC

Corporation while Catherine is the varsity women's lacrosse coach at University High School and plays in a league herself.

Pete Jacobs got engaged to his girlfriend Megan here in SF this fall. Congratulations, Pete!

Over the holidays I was able to catch up with **Karen Queen**, who continues to be busy at Foley Hoag in Boston, but not too busy to help me ring in my 30th! I also got to ring in the New Year with **Bence Oliver** and **Matt Murphy** in LA. Bence is still living in Las Vegas working for Intrawest, and Matt is working for a new company in Boston. It was nice to welcome the new year with old friends and to know that some things don't change. Let's hope spring comes quickly and I look forward to hearing from more of you before the summer. Happy Spring!

1992

Class of 1992

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What a winter! In between shoveling out of all this snow, I'm glad that many of you have found time to write. On behalf of the Class of 1992, I'd like to send condolences to the Piatelli family. So many people got in touch to share stories of the great impact that Mr. Piatelli had on all of us, and we wish Jane and the boys our best.

Chris Ruggiero continues to make progress on his new home. He has been able to see **Devin Sullivan** and **Matt Remis** pretty regularly. **Matt Remis** is engaged to be married this summer. Devin writes to say that he saw **Sean Naughton** in New Jersey over the holidays.

I got a postcard from **Randy Hemming**, who is living the high life in the Los Angeles area. Randy wrote about his honeymoon in Hawaii.

Also enjoying wedded bliss is **Josh Lappin**, whose son Shea is growing nearly off the charts. At last checkup he was in the 97th percentile for height, a mystery to Josh! Josh recently checked in with **Joe Montminy**, a



Hoyt Morgan '92 with his Headmaster in San Diego.

practicing District Attorney in Miami. Josh wants to be sure that we all commend **Jon Kazanjian**, whose years of hard work can be appreciated now on a drive through Boston. Didn't they start that project when we were all still in Byfield? Is anyone else as stressed out by driving through the tunnels as I am?

Steve Peabody and his wife Aimee bought a home in Marblehead this summer. Steve is keeping busy with real estate development in downtown Boston. Now that the underbelly of the city is all straightened out, Steve's working on a hotel near the Fleet Center (what is it called now?) and a loft project in the South End.

Judy Livingston Loto writes in from Portsmouth, where she's the Manager of Education at the Strawberry Banke Museum. By the time I print this, she may have started as the Executive Director of another small museum in New Hampshire. Congratulations on the move! Judy reports an active lifestyle – hitting the mountains and beaches as much as possible, but no skiing per doctor's orders. Judy and Frank are expecting their first child in June! Judy sends her best to all, and would love to hear from **Ted Capeless**, **Nancy Stevenson '93**, **Adam Barton '89**, **Charlie Greenough '90**, and **Mike Todd '89**.

Nicole Bellaire Downer writes in to let me know some good news: **Dierdre Heersink-Brown** gave birth on November 10th to Fiona May Heersink-Brown. Glad to

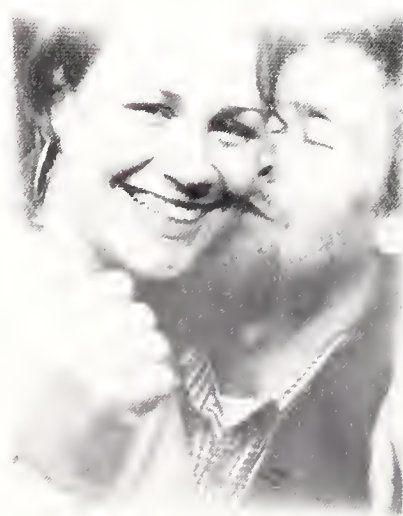
hear that everyone is happy and healthy!

My fellow Coloradoan, **Jason Pierce**, is enjoying life in Denver and working for Qwest. He also reports an engagement on the calendar for August. That gives Jason plenty of time to hit the slopes before the serious planning begins!

Candice Denby is nearing the end of her first year at PA school in Oakland, California. During the few hours when she's not glued to the books, she's either working as vice president of her class, or showing off her boarding skills at Lake Tahoe. She still comes back to Colorado whenever possible. On a visit to California I was able to see Candice and also **Tyler Maheu**, who is hooked on the Laguna Beach lifestyle. He still gets back east to see his family, but I think we may have lost him to the surf and sun!

I'm doing well. Not too much to report from here. I am Associate Director of Admissions at Fountain Valley School of Colorado (www.fvs.edu). In February, I spent a weekend in New York City where I got to celebrate my 30th birthday (I know you all feel my pain) with **Amy Daniels** and **Saundra Watson '93** among others. It's a pretty brutal milestone but at least we're all in it together!

Keep the notes and emails coming. It's great to hear from you all. Take care.



Christopher S. Cini '93 married Deborah A. Lundgren on June 7, 2003 on Martha's Vineyard.

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*Class of 1993
Need Class Secretary*

Cynthia White reports: "Just a quick update from the West Coast. Making movies in film school here in San Francisco. I'm in a deep love affair with this sinusoidal (I knew pre cal would come in handy someday) city. We had a rockin' evening at Slim's in SF where our friend **Kenseth T.** had a gig with his band o'rama, Pinback. I finally got backstage!!!! And it was not nearly as glamorous as I imagined it to be at 18. However, at 29 nothing seems as glamorous as it did through the eyes of an ever-hopeful teenager. Dems are da breaks. One thing for sure: Ken rocks!!! Salud and Happy New Year to all."

Cynthia White '93 with friend at a "rockin' evening" at Slim's in San Francisco.

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10th Class Reunion

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The Class of 1994 seems to be keeping busy. **Alison Martin** is getting her MBA at UNC Chapel Hill. If anyone is in the area, she'd love to hear from them. Drop her a note at alison_martin@unc.edu.

Meg Graetzer writes that she and her husband are expecting twins this April!

Chris Rice is engaged and is living in Denver, managing his own photography business and working for FedEx.

Kelly Philbrick Easton is living in Santa Barbara, CA and is enjoying being a stay-at-home mom to Gavin Kinnear Easton, born April 11, 2003. She was married last year to Leaf Easton whom she'd been dating for almost eight years. She'd love to hear from **Jackie Grandmaison** and **Glen Gardener**. You can write her at kelican@aol.com.

Michael Foster is living in Key West, Florida studying to become a marine biologist. He has two more years of school left and then he plans on moving to Cape Horn, South America to continue his research on the South Atlantic Ocean.

As for me, I'm engaged to be married in March of 2005 and am still writing on *The Drew Carey Show* here in LA. Hope everyone's doing well and looking forward to our upcoming reunion.

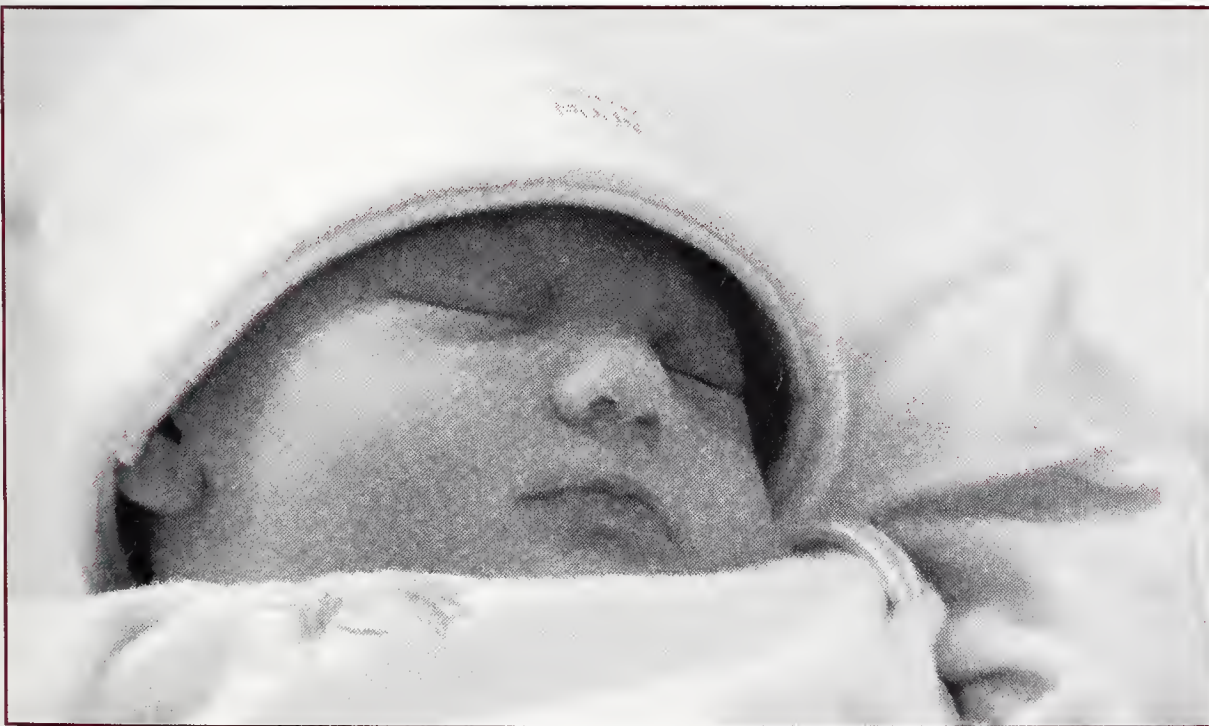
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Dana Coholan-Pryce writes: "I'm loving married life! My husband and I live in a cute townhouse in the Fort Lauderdale area. I'm currently teaching ESE for a class of profoundly mentally handicapped and medically fragile children. I taught before going to law school and missed it so much that I went back! I feel like I'm back where I belong! I recently talked to Orlando online and would love to hear from Martha! New email: tmp30@bell-south.net."

Todd Robbins visited GDA with **Chris Terry** in October 2003 and was happy to run into Peter Bragdon. Todd writes: "Just one more semester left for my Master's degree in Spanish from UNH! I'm looking forward to teaching."



Francesca D'Orio, born to Brent '95 and Kerry D'Orio on New Year's Day!

The Wedding of
Molly Kristen Scharfe
to
Stephen Joseph Prinn

December 27, 2003
Moseley Chapel
Governor Dummer Academy
Byfield, Massachusetts

Dave Millstein graduated from Gettysburg College in 2000, moved to Fairfield, PA and bought a house. He went to work for a database software company in Bethesda, MD for three years, but left last July to pursue a solo business-consulting career. Currently, he is a volunteer firefighter/EMT and a Lieutenant. "The future? Working towards my Paramedic and plans of working full-time as

a firefighter/paramedic and a USAR team member."

"Life is good!" according to **Tim Gould**. He is living in Brookline, MA and working in downtown Boston at State Street Bank in Securities Finance with **Ryan Martin '96**. Tim also "can't believe that our class 10th Reunion is next year!"

Edward Guzman celebrated son Noe's first birthday on December 28th, 2003. He says, "Parenting continues to be enjoyable, a challenge and rewarding."

Brendt and Kerry D'Orio became proud new parents on New Year's Day to a baby girl, Francesca. Brendt writes: "Kerry and I have been living in Marblehead, MA about a year. I figured I better write in because my brother Chris seems to always be writing in to update about his family, and I didn't want him to beat me to the news about Francesca. I send my best to all of my classmates and have a good New Year."

Arnaud Lessard has just relocated to Colorado Springs, CO. He has assumed a new position as Director of Sales and Operations for Rocky Mountain Connections, a full service destination management company. He says, "It is a beautiful part of the country. Things are busy as business gears up in the mountains. I am between Aspen, Vail, and Denver a couple times a month with groups. I am still adjusting to the area and the altitude as I had been living in Key West, FL for about three years working for Wyndham Resorts as a Corporate Groups Sales Manager. It was hard to leave, but the rock gets small! So, a trade from the beach and the reef to the mountains and the slopes."

As for me, I am an aunt for the second time and will soon be a first-time godmother to my sister's second son, Ethan. I have also completed half of the on-campus phase of my Master of Arts in Sustainable Development and I spent the winter holidays in Asia interviewing for positions for the eight-month off-campus phase which begins in June 2004. Thus, I apologize because of my mid-December departure I may not have received all the notes in time for

the publishing of this issue of The Archon. However, I will include your notes in the next issue; again, I do apologize.

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Greetings, fellow classmates. I must start this season's column with a sincere apology for my negligence as Class Secretary over the past year. As many of you know, my husband Darren and I welcomed a little boy, Hudson, into our lives last March and things have truly never been the same! Time to myself is nearly non-existent these days and I really did not pay much attention to my responsibilities other than mothering our little bundle of joy, but one of my New Year's resolutions was to resume reporting class news in a timely manner. So to all those who wrote in and were surprised when they opened The Archon to see a blank for Class of 1996, I apologize! There was actually a whole set of postcards that I mailed to Jeff when I was unable to write the column and he never received the envelope - and that is not just an excuse! Until I have another newborn I will be very dedicated to the job. I promise! We are also moving at the end of February to a new home so life has been very chaotic.

Over the holidays, I was able to catch up with some GDA buddies such as **Katie Renna** and **Mara Zanfagna**. Both are doing well, Katie living in the south end of Boston and Mara making a recent move out to Colorado with her boyfriend, Scott.

Also making a move is **Kate Manzella**. She and her husband Jay moved into a new home in Buffalo. Another new homeowner is **Kathryn Barbosa**. She and her husband Vander just moved to Medway, Massachusetts and have started a business together called Flying Fur Mobile Pet Grooming. Congrats, Kathryn!

About our next classmate - **Jason Rivera**. I have to say you have been my most faithful post card respondent! Jason sends his love to everyone and is working as an account planner at an ad agency in Braintree. He was happy to see everyone at the Grog before Thanksgiving and encourages classmates to hit up his email at xsurfer-boyx@hotmail.com. He still keeps in touch with **Ryan Donahue**, **Matt Perry**, **Ray Long** and **Todd Walters** as well as **Dan Dipietro** and **Aaron Sells**. Aaron must be one happy fellow with the outcome of the Super Bowl! He is working as a sales executive for the New England Patriots. Aaron updated me on a couple of his buddies last time around and I hope this news is still correct!

Dan Dipietro has been accepted to Suffolk Law and will begin classes in the fall. Good luck hitting the books again, Dan!

Rob Benson started a telemarketing company and is in the process of purchasing another. Aaron commented that he was sure the IRS would be looking for Benson in no time at all!

Jason Randlett is the head bartender at Au Tau in Boston. Apparently they have free happy hour drinks every night of the week, so if you are in the mood for a stiff Captain and coke, head on over!

I have to say I was most entertained by **Brad Walkers** update. Brad, "Disney on Skates"?! You always did love cruising around campus on your bike with Grimy Lucy. By the way, I still have fond memories of the time you let me baby-sit for her! Aaron reports that Disney on Skates is much like Disney on Ice but on roller skates. Brad took this role in Atlanta to keep busy while aspiring to become a professional snow/skateboarder.

Todd Horvath's band is still headlining many of the hot spots in Boston's underground grunge scene. Aaron also sees a lot of **Brian Crowe**, **Brady Miller**, **Noelia** and Co. who are all living in Beacon Hill. Wow, Aaron, I am not sure if your friends will love you or hate you for sending in updates on all their lives. Maybe you should take over the role as Class Secretary!

Also playing the role of Class Secretary for his alma mater, Emory University, is

Michael "Savs" Silverio who recently took a trip back to the GDA campus and comments that our money went to a great cause. He took a stroll down memory lane and even bumped into a few professors. Savs sends out a challenge to everyone to donate at least \$1.96 this year to the Annual Fund as he was noticing our class participation has been pretty lame. Michael is still working at Suntrust Bank.

Tobi Szuts spent the year living it up in Budapest and is now back in Boston studying bio-physics. An interest in science must run in the family. Tobi stopped in Nepal on his way back from Budapest to visit with **Naomi Odell** who is doing work there for the Peace Corps.

Jason Greenberg sends a big hello from NYC! He left CBS Sports and is now doing freelance work in the field of TV production. He is working college football, basketball, NBA and NHL games for a variety of networks as an associate producer. If anyone makes it to the Big Apple, look him up at jgreenb@yahoo.com. I have to say, Jason, you really followed your dream. I remember the days when you used to do commentary on my ice hockey games!

Also living in NYC is **Mike Shedosky**. Mike is still working for hedgefun.net and is happy to not be commuting into the city from New Jersey any longer. He spent Thanksgiving on remote Rum Key Island in the Bahamas, which is accessible only by private plane or fishing dory. They snorkled, explored the coral reefs and speared longueta and grouper for the evening grill, then off to the only two pubs for conch fritters and rum coolers. Mike claims it was an excellent diversion from civilization. Mike saw **Dan Gadzuric '98** at a Bucks/Nets game. Dan says that playing professional b'ball involves a considerable amount of hard work and there's not much happening in Milwaukee.

Jeff Labelle, my fellow (and very punctual, I must say) Class Secretary is enjoying life out in Chicago. "Over the Christmas break, had the opportunity to get together with **Raymond Long** and **Todd Walters** for a cocktail in West Newbury. I am still living in Chicago, but spending my weekends back on the east coast in Hartford, CT. Hope all is

well with everyone." **Jeff** is also happy to report that he is kicking **Jerry Vasicko's @\$\$** in fantasy hockey! In addition, Jeff is hitting the ice for a hockey team and they just finished third in a tournament out in Vegas.

Lauren Abernathy (now Fitzgerald) was married at the GDA Chapel on July 26th, 2003. Lauren reports that it was a beautiful day and that she and her new hubby took most of their pictures around campus. Their reception was at the Peabody Essex Museum in Salem. She had so much fun that she never wanted the evening to end. Lauren met Brian while at Bowdoin so there was a very large Bowdoin contingency at the wedding with her Dad being a member of the Class of 1969. As far as GDA alums, **Lauren Erwin** stood in as Maid of Honor and **Adam Doorly '97** was in attendance. Lauren and Brian spent their 12-day honeymoon in Maui and Lanai. Don't we all wish we could escape this chilly weather and head to Hawaii?!

Kate McCullough appears in the expanded second edition of *Second Home: Life in a Boarding School*. Her Essay, "Everything But the Kitchen Sink" has been reprinted from the first edition. *Second Home* is a comprehensive introduction to boarding school life that features 86 essays by authors representing 48 of the very best independent schools throughout the country. A copy of the book can be found in the GDA Library.

As for me, life as a new mom is busy and extremely rewarding. I was happy to attend my brother **Jeff's '91** wedding out in Chicago last September and am looking forward to being my cousin **Jill's '93** maid of honor this coming September in Vermont. Until next time, I'm sending well wishes to you all. Keep those post cards coming!

1997

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I hope everyone had a wonderful winter holiday and a great New Year's! I was able to go back home to Los Angeles to spend the holidays with my family and then return to Madrid in time to celebrate New Year's in

true Madrid fashion. It's always wonderful to hear from all of you, and I totally appreciate your responses!

Meg Withington writes in from Massachusetts. She is currently in her last semester at Lesley College in Cambridge and will be graduating with her certification in Early Childhood Education and a minor in Human Development and Family Studies. Meg will be looking for teaching jobs throughout the course of the summer and spring. In addition to her studies, she is still managing the horse barn at her house, and has a total of six horses now. Meg recently saw **Lys Cutler** and reports that all seems to be well with her. Meg also went to visit **Lindsay Clark**, who has very recently moved to Vermont and loves her new job managing a child care/pre school facility. Meg hopes that everyone is doing well!

Brandi Hall spent New Year's in South Beach, Miami, Florida with **Dawn and Sam Goldworm**. She reports they had a couple of opportunities to party with **Drew "Hausen" Stoddard**, and that a good time was had by all!

Susan Gilberg writes in no longer as Susan Gilberg but as Susan Hullman. Susan was married to Jordah Hullman this past December. She and her husband bought their first home just outside Philadelphia in a town called Wynewood. If anyone finds themselves lost in the suburbs of Philly, Susan reports she has lots of extra rooms!!! Susan hopes things in everyone else's lives are going well.

Jodi Leverone writes in from Dartmouth Medical School, where she is halfway through her second year. She will start clinical rotations in June, after taking her first set of licensing exams. Jodi is very excited to begin working in the hospital. Jodi also recently become engaged to Harper Marshall of Merrimac, MA. Congratulations, Jodi! They are planning their wedding for the summer of 2005. Jodi also reports that **Laura Hirsch** is living in England and getting her MBA. Laura loves living abroad. Jodi wishes a Happy New Year to everyone!

Lin Curtis is still living in central London, where she just finished graduate school. She recently submitted her thesis and will graduate in May with her Master's in International Business Administration. Lin is very excited

because she just got a job with an investment firm. Congratulations, Lin! She is planning an exciting trip to Thailand or Australia for six to eight weeks next September.

Keith Blades writes in: "As many of you know, I've taken my time finishing school in Boston while bartending. I'm happy to say I have finished and will be working for A.G. Edwards in Portsmouth, N.H. where I'll be living with my girlfriend. As the holiday season has passed, I had the pleasure to hang out with the likes of **Jason Weiler '95**, **Archie Kasnet '95**, **Aaron Sells '96** and, of course, **Brian Crowe '95**, who recently fled the Boston scene to hang out with the British and enjoy his high tea! Also saw **Adam Doorly** while he was passing my bar."

Mara McManus is still living the good life in Steamboat Springs, Colorado where she is working full-time in hotels (front desk and bartending). She recently had **GM Van Cott** come out to visit and enjoy the snow for four days. Mara reports good times were had. She tried to convince GM to leave LA for the mountain life. We'll see! Mara wishes everyone a Happy New Year!

Joseph A. Nicastro III writes in from Newton, MA where he is currently living in a single apartment and working in the Athletic Business Office at Boston University. He plans on enrolling in the MBA Program at BU's School of Management in September

Meta Mason is finishing up her graduate work at Tufts University and hopes to find a job this fall. She and her boyfriend are living in Woburn.

Well, Class of 1997, it was great to hear from you and I look forward to more updates!! Happy New Year!

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Lt. USMC Patrick Forrest '98

Yuki Tsubomatsu writes: "Greetings from Tokyo, Japan. I've been working for the largest advertising agency in Japan for almost a year as an account executive and already been involved in a couple big projects. My major client is Honda Motors Co., and my work includes planning and executing TV, radio, paper, magazine, transportation, outdoor ads and website of a small Honda van and a full-cell vehicle called FCX. In addition to those mass media productions, my work also involves planning the production of sales promotion tools such as image poster, mascots, promotion video, etc. Working for the top agency and doing a big part of promotion for one of the world's major automakers have been wonderful experiences for my career plan. I'm looking into going for my MBA in the near future, although I couldn't have imagined myself going into a professional business career when I played guitar and keyboards during my GDA days. If you ever come to Japan for your business or trip, please let me know!"

Shawn Shetty came to visit me in Cambridge while he was back here on break from medical school in India. He reports that all is going well in his last year, and he's looking forward to returning to the U.S. to complete his residency.

Peter Bragdon shared a note he recently received from Lt. USMC **Patrick Forrest**: "I cannot tell you how much I think about the wonderful people at GDA that I met. At least

once a day a memory makes me smile. Flight school is probably the most challenging situation that I have ever been in. I see the light at the end of the tunnel, though, and I should know by May if I will be sent to helicopter or jet school."

1999

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5th Class Reunion

June 11, 12, 13 2004

Sarah Willeman writes: "I've had a great year so far, still at Stanford, working on my psychology major and enjoying California. I saw **Polly Titcomb** and **Brittany Perham** and spoke with **Rosse Vander Sande** at Christmas time." Sarah will most likely be at home in Massachusetts this summer giving riding lessons and perhaps doing some research.

LaDonia Daniels is doing well. She moved, but still lives in NJ working at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center as a Registered Nurse

on a Cardiothoracic Unit. She receives patients after open-heart surgery. LaDonia hopes to attend grad school at UCLA in the fall.

Sarah Avalon is a permanent substitute at the Peabody High School in a Special Education class. Recently she moved in with a family as a nanny in Marblehead. Sarah will be teaching and then, after her long school day, she will nanny for three children each afternoon. Sarah writes: "Both jobs are fun and creative and keep me on my toes. This winter I've seen **Jim Meniates**, **Pat Carey**, and **Harry Dolan** for some pool, and **Jon Spector** drove out for a visit back in November." You can email Sarah at: seavalon@mtholyoke.edu.

Kristin Seim is living near Davis Square in Somerville, interning at a children's book publisher in editorial and taking a certificate of publishing course at Emerson College. She just reconnected with **Marlena Mercer** who graduated from William & Mary and has a great teaching job. Kristin is looking forward to seeing everyone at our fifth-year reunion in June!

Jesse Soursourian is also in Somerville. From May 14 to June 5, he will have a principle role in *Popcorn*, a play produced by the Zeitgeist Stage Company at the Boston Center for the Arts.

Rebecca Messinger applied to the Peace Corps and was nominated to a program working with at risk youth. Congratulations, Becca! If she is officially invited, she will leave for one of the Pacific Islands on July 15th. She graduated from Hartwick College last May and is currently living at home.

Class of '99: I hope you can all make it to our fifth year reunion in June. Mark your calendars for June 11-13, 2004. It would be so much fun to have everyone there. The more, the merrier! If you have moved and have a new address, please email me at: jessrz66@hotmail.com so I can make sure you receive information about the reunion, or you can contact GDA directly.

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Hi, Class of 2000! I hope all of you are doing well. I am finishing up my last semester at Trinity College before I enter the 'real world.' This summer I will be returning to Boston to begin a real job! I will be doing medical research at Children's Hospital for an endocrinologist. I am very excited to return to Boston and for the opportunities that this job will provide over the next two years.

Jonathan Berardino is a senior at Bucknell. He's done well there. Great foundation from GDA – electrical engineering his degree. Applying for jobs, grad school and schoolwork, he's straight out right now. Jon's younger sister "Rosie" is now at Brookwood with thoughts of following her brother's footsteps at GDA, both athletically and academically.

Elizabeth Turnbull is once again back at Colby for winter term, doing a little wood-working and skiing. In the past years she has made a rocking chair and desk, and now she's making a queen-sized cherry wood bed! Elizabeth wrote that **Michelle Wheeler** dropped by Colby on her way up to U of Maine at Orono and is doing well. Elizabeth also got a call from **Kempton Randolph** from her home state of West Virginia. Kempton was apparently on a drinking tour of the Southern US.

Bettina Romberg wrote in to say she is doing well down in Rhode Island. Over this past summer, she did an internship at New England Cable News in Newton, Mass. working two days a week from 5 a.m. to 1 p.m. She had a freelance position working at the web center and writing the news crawl. Bettina also wrote that she saw **Nina Dakin** a few months ago, and that

Nina is doing well going to school in Pennsylvania. Bettina's email address is: bettinaromberg@yahoo.com.

Joe Cacciatore wrote that he spent the summer in Gettysburg doing an internship with the athletic training room and last year was his best semester yet. Joe is definitely sad to be starting his last semester at Gettysburg. He said he's had a great four years there. He is currently winding up the process of grad school apps which is no fun, but he'll be glad when they are all done with. Joe had a great time at home for winter break and finally got to see the Pats play some football.

CJ Maggio writes that he is in South Carolina finishing up with his associate degree in business. Then he is going to go to College of Charleston to further his college experience. CJ just got a job in a really upper class bar in downtown Charleston to make some cash. CJ hopes that everyone else is doing well. If anyone wants to get a hold of CJ, they can e-mail him at screwface1001@hotmail.com. He'd love to talk to some old friends.

Lindsay Gilmore writes from the Dominican Republic where she is studying Spanish and social work for the next semester! She is having a ton of fun down there. Lindsay writes that the country, the people, the culture, and everything are amazing. Her classes are going really well and she is traveling a lot. Lindsay says the living conditions are poor and especially the effect of the dollar to the peso makes it very difficult to afford daily life things. There's a lot of emotion running around, making things a little tense at times, but she is definitely learning so much and very excited to have the chance to live in this country. This past summer, she worked as a bartender and still works at the Lawrence Girls Club, where she has been for a year and a half.

Madeline Scheintaub had a great time in Germany last spring/summer. This past fall, Madeline was in the UMass marching band again. She was awarded a grant from the UMass Honors College to research her thesis project on plant ecology. Madeline has just finished up applying to grad school.

Dan Fanaberia wrote in that he is in his fourth year of business school in Toronto. He is leaving for Spain in February for an exchange program and will be traveling

around Europe for the summer. If anyone will be in Europe during the next seven months, Dan says to let him know by emailing dfanaberia@hotmail.com.

Tom Hand spent the fall semester and winter break at UMass wrapping up a lot of work for an Alumni Exhibition called "The Intimate Expanse" that celebrates the Centennial of the Landscape Architecture program at UMass. He has been working on the project for two years and it runs from February 1 to May 14 in the University Gallery on Campus. He is looking forward to graduating in the spring and starting to work.

Courtney Marino writes from Los Angeles. She is in LA for the semester, through an Emerson program. She is interning at JIVE Records. (Britney, Justin, NSYNC, R.Kelly, etc. are all on that label.) Courtney definitely made me jealous when she told be about the great weather and her amazing apartment complex that is basically a resort. Courtney will be graduating in the spring and is unsure of what is next, but would like to end up in either Boston or New York. She has seen some old classmates: **Meghan Barry**, **Emily Dana**, **Pete Aloisi**, **Seth Dubinsky**, **JD Denis**, **Chris Rothwell**, **Ollie Brown**, and **Jenna Wells**.

Jonathan Feeley spent this past summer working for Rock the Vote and John Kerry's presidential campaign in Boston. He is currently studying abroad for the year at the London School of Economics.

Simon Panall will be graduating in May with a Bachelor's degree in Aquaculture and Fisheries Science with a minor in Marine Affairs from the University of Rhode Island. He is living in a house with three other guys. Simon is looking forward to hopping on a boat this summer to do some fishing for a while.

Chris Minton wrote in to give us all an update on what he has been doing since he left GDA. He finished up high school at Western Reserve Academy in Hudson, OH. Chris is now in his last semester at Vanderbilt where he is majoring in Econ and minoring in Finance. He went abroad during his junior year, spending the fall of 2002 on the Gold Coast of Australia. He described it as essentially living in heaven with the great surfing and diving. Then the following spring he

was at St. Andrews in Scotland which he said was pretty sweet too. And as for the future, Chris is just trying to enjoy his last semester before the real world takes over. He and a couple buddies are taking a surf trip down to Costa Rica this spring break and will probably take a week off of class to go snowboarding in Utah. After graduation, Chris is heading up to New York mid-June to begin working at UBS Investment Bank as an analyst...Hence the reason for his planned laziness this semester. This past summer, Chris was up in New York and got to meet up with **Carson Shedd** and also bumped into **Meghan Barry** at an Irish bar.

Beth Coolidge writes from Flagstaff, Arizona. She is still on her domestic exchange to NAU. However, her graduation will not be coming this year. Beth has chosen to transfer to Northern Arizona University and, of course, with that comes the fact that she will be set back about a year. But that doesn't bother her one bit! She loves it out here in Arizona and, in this semester alone, she has learned so much about theatre and has had lots of wonderful hands-on work. The professors at Northern Arizona University have encouraged Beth to commit to a design/technical emphasis for her degree. From her studying of Japanese, Beth has chosen to pursue a minor in the language. She loves Japanese and catches on surprisingly well. Navajo, however, is BEYOND difficult. Keeping up with Japanese would be an absolute pleasure for her and hopefully will give her another place in the world to look for a job when the time comes. In any case, Beth is taking full advantage of her extra year of school and of the education she is getting. She has been able to take courses that were never available at UNH. While she misses her friends back home very much, Beth feels it's doing her some good to be working through life on her own out in Arizona.

Beth and Paige Ramsdell hosted a Christmas party this year and many of their GDA friends were able to come. Beth wrote this of their holiday gathering: "**Kai Kaiser**, **Lindsay Gobin**, **Mark Lipman**, and **Jessica Rybicki** were there and it made the holidays so much happier. Kai had us all in tears during a toast when he told us that seeing each

other once a year at best was just simply not enough. We all miss each other. And when we do see each other, with the exception of asking 'so, what's going on in your life?' It's like we saw each other yesterday."

Daria Grayer wrote in that she cannot believe that four years have passed since our GDA graduation. Daria was in London studying philosophy and working for the mayor of London this past semester. Now she is just working towards what will follow graduation this spring, possibly a move back to London.

Willow Malick has decided to focus on her Studio Art major at Scripps, and is possibly thinking of finishing her Biology major at another college. Willow is building a five-foot clay horse for her thesis and art project. As for next year, Willow is thinking of staying in CA and interning for a film studio in LA, taking more art classes in San Francisco, back to Alaska, or maybe law school in a few years. Over winter break, Willow went snowboarding in Juneau, and bumped into **Lucinda Boyce**, GDA's other Alaskan redhead. In the last Archon, I mistyped Willow's email. Her correct address is wmalick@scripps.edu or willowmaja@hotmail.com.

Anne Adamczyk wrote in: "Greetings from Baltimore! It was a busy fall semester here at Johns Hopkins. For pre-season training, our soccer team traveled to England, Scotland and Wales. It was a lot of fun playing in Europe and for JHU for the past four years. I will miss it. This January I spent two weeks in Cuba on a research project. It was like a step back in time. Our group had some difficulty leaving the country due to air travel, but in the end, everything went well. I currently have an internship for NASA at the Space Telescope Science Institute. Working for the Hubble Space Telescope, I am processing and analyzing data from the Magellanic Clouds. Finally, I am happy to announce that I have completed all my undergraduate requirements a full semester early. I have my BS in physics with a minor in mathematics. I am currently looking into grad schools and/or staying with NASA. Hope everyone is doing well!"

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It was so great to hear from everyone! It's amazing that our class has been able to achieve and accomplish so many things in such a short couple of years!

Brad Kasnet just returned from a semester studying in London. He writes: "I had a great time and saw more than a few classmates from GDA. I also was able to travel to places all over Europe, like France, Italy, Austria, Ireland, and the Netherlands. Now I'm back at Colby in Maine spending time studying and skiing."

Emily Ouimette is still at Olivet in Illinois and is loving it. She says, "Soccer and classes are pretty good, but the main thing happening in my life right now is Jesus." She is learning so much about him and is finally starting to understand how to serve him on a consistent basis. "It is such a joy." This summer Emily is going on a mission trip to Austria to teach people about Christ and play soccer. She is so excited!

Tina Benson just returned from a semester abroad in Mexico. She is a Spanish major and learned the language so well. While abroad, she taught English to orphans at the elementary school level. Tina had an amazing experience.

Ande Tagliamonte writes: "Life is good up here in Vermont. I've been painting and drawing over winter break and creating custom clocks and journals. My new apartment is great. I finally got to move out of the dorms after six long years. I have taken to

vegetarianism and am learning some rocking recipes. I work at the university museum and hope to intern at an art museum this summer. I'm spending spring break in Kentucky for alternative spring break!"

Cait McIntosh says school is going well and she is starting to apply to vet schools now. She is traveling to Belize over spring break to the coral reefs and the rain forest. Cait is still riding horses and her team is fantastic! Over Christmas break she had a great time skiing up in Vermont and Maine!

John Shuster is currently a junior at Dickinson college in Pennsylvania serving his second trimester as president of the Theta Chi Fraternity, Pi chapter. He is playing club ice hockey as well. At **Megan Rothwell's** house over winter break, John got a chance to see **Derek Falvey, Larry Lyons, Chris Delisle, Joe Levitt** and **Joe Fannon!**

I am so busy down here in Providence with clubs and school, and loving it! It is awesome that our class can still see each other every so often!

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Hey, '03, it's time to catch up!

Life at Williams is fantastic. I might be in the middle of nowhere and the temperature might be averaging below zero, but I'm surrounded by great people and having a really fun time. During January I had only one class, but my track coaches made sure I didn't have too much free time. Indoor track is going really well, the team is great and I've run some times that qualify me for post-season meets. **Meghan O'Malley** lives two floors above me. We see each other all the time, and our whole entry loves to go to the gym and watch her play. Meghan says that school has been a blast! First semester she kept busy with basketball, gospel choir, The Garfield Republican Club, meeting as many people as possible, and of course her classes! She recently finished up her winter study program where she took a drawing course that was terrific. Right now she's in the prime of basketball season. This year the women's program has made tremendous strides and looks forward to advancing far into post season play!

Dan Guyton seems determined to see as many names highlighted as possible by seeing half our class over winter break. While home on vacation he had dinner with **Mike O'Neill, Mike Oxton, Cory Demuth, Brooke Eaton, Ben Gobin, Angela Rappoli, Maria Knapp, David Spector, Amrit Misra** and **Susie Valverde**. He and Angela also went up to Colby to visit **Lindsay Clunie** and spent some time with **Doug Turnbull**. He is back in Boston now and enjoying college life.

Tyler Youngblood enjoyed his first semester at Connecticut College and says that everything is going well. Over winter break, Tyler rented a ski condo with **DJ Connaughton** and **Chris Ebinger**, got together with other GDA folks, and worked a lot.

After vowing not to over-commit himself his freshman year of college, **Mike O'Neill** is keeping himself very busy down at Connecticut. He enjoyed all his first semester classes and is involved in a lot of different musical venues on campus. He plays the tuba in the orchestra, takes private music lessons, sings in the chorus, and has already decided to minor in music. During the winter break, Mike performed at Faneuil Hall in Boston with over 150 other tuba players for Tuba Christmas.

Claire DeLacvivier has been in France since July and is taking classes at the Sorbonne. Her classes are hard, but she really enjoys them and living in Paris. While over there she has had a chance to visit other places in Europe such as London, Austria, and Amsterdam.

Phil Anderson writes: "I spent my winter month off in Tahoe working at a rental shop at a ski resort. I got plenty of ride breaks and everything was free for me, so that was cool. I got back to New York late January and the first weekend back hung out with **Vin Manzi '02, Jess Watson '01, Pete Ellis '02,** and **Kerri O'Neill '04.** The next weekend I went up to Boston, and revisited GDA. I stayed at **Peter Bildner's** place in Boston and chilled with him and **Simon Ziron**. That was a fun weekend. Now I am back in the city, back in school, and working at yet another ski shop; this time I'm selling instead of renting. Work is work and I need to make money. I'll probably be living in Tahoe again this summer if anyone wants to crash for a bit."

Doug Turnbull has been enjoying himself up in Siberia...oops...Maine. He is in an a capella group, The Megalomaniacs, and in an improv group as well. Over his January term, he took a furniture-making class and made a big chest. He is also snowboarding a lot and is learning to telemark ski. He is taking classes too.

In a completely different climate, **Gwyneth Stokes** absolutely loves it at Scripps College out in California...It's gorgeous with great people and an awesome five-college environment. She's been running a lot, loves the team, and is getting ready for a fun track season. She rode like crazy last summer and during the winter break, so as to make up for being without horses during the school year. She says it's nice to be able to spend a lot of time outside and at the beach

Her fellow horse-lover, **Allison Tsao**, is having a great time at Johns Hopkins, balancing her science load with a great archeology class. She says hi to everyone and is incredibly excited about a summer filled with horses again.

I hope everyone is doing well. Good luck with second semester and all your summer adventures!

i n m e m o r i a m

James B. Gardiner, Class of 1923 and the oldest living alumnus of Governor Dummer Academy, died on December 11, 2003 of a stroke at the age of 96. An alumnus of Yale, James was an actuary for MetLife and the state of New York until his retirement at age 95. James is survived by two children and three grandchildren; his wife Alice May predeceased him. James' friend, John English, Class of 1928, wrote, "When I first knew Jim Gardiner, he was living in the Mansion House, sharing a room with Trav Ingham – and that is going back a long, long way. He was a fine, interesting guy and a most loyal and generous friend of the school. In fact, until a very few years ago, he used to drive up from New York most every June for the reunion."

John Jewett Bell II, Class of 1938, died in Vero Beach, FL in late December 2003. A graduate of Packard Business School, John worked for CBS Television in a variety of positions until his retirement in 1986 as Associate Director/News Division and Director of Syndication. He is survived by his wife Marilyn, a son, two step-children, and six grandchildren.

John A. Koslowski, Class of 1939, died in January 2004 in Belmont, MA of complications from Parkinson's Disease. After graduating from Dartmouth College, "Kos" was recruited to play for the Boston Braves Class A Farm Team as a catcher. Instead of pursuing pro-ball, he returned to GDA to teach and coach for three years before moving to Belmont Hill School where his teams won five prep school hockey championships in his seven years at the school. In 1965, "Kos" co-founded Winchester Indoor Lawn Tennis Center, the first facility of its kind in New

England. In 1971, he and his company built the Charles River Tennis and Health Club in Newton and soon expanded to three facilities. He is survived by three children and five grandchildren. His wife Stasia died in 2001.

James E. Dodge, Class of 1940, died in December 2003. A retired vice president of Royal Bank of Canada, Jim lived in Ontario, Canada with his wife Mary. They had seven children.

John E. "Jack" Griffith, Class of 1940, died in August 2003. A resident of Kremmling, CO, he leaves his wife Ruth who wrote that "he always had fond memories of Governor Dummer."

Norman L. Quint, Class of 1940, died in late November 2003. The former Ipswich, MA pharmacist and chairman of the board of the Ipswich Bank, lived in Wolfeboro, NH with his wife Patricia.

George Stobie, Class of 1940, died in September 2003 at home after a long illness. George, a resident of Johns Island, South Carolina, was former president of Bermuda/Nassau Hotels.

Dr. M. Grosvenor Potter Jr., Class of 1943, died in December 2003. A resident of Buffalo, NY, Grosvenor studied at Princeton and Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons after GDA.

Paul Titus, Class of 1943, died in November 2002. He was retired from PT Consultants in Las Vegas, NV. Paul leaves his wife Patricia and five children.

Robert W. Wood, Class of 1943, passed away on February 27, 2004 at his home in Sarasota, FL. A graduate of Rensselaer Polytech, Robert was a retired divisional vice president of Polaroid. He leaves his wife Beverly and two children.

Jean Sager Sutton, wife of Peter Sutton, Class of 1947, died in late 2003. Jean was the daughter of beloved "Old Guard" GDA master, Art Sager.

Jonathan Clifford, Class of 1953, died in July 2003. A resident of New York City, Jonathan was the retired president and owner of The Chest Collection.

Donald A. Dunsford, Class of 1956, died in December 2003 after a brief illness. A resident of Prunedale, CA, Don was owner of North County Auto Sales as well as a real estate broker and developer. He is survived by his wife Gloria and a son.

Edward L. Johnsen, Class of 1960, died in December 2002 of lung cancer. A resident of Wayland, Ed was the owner of Unique Technology in Framingham, MA. He leaves five children and his partner, Meredith Ruland.

Peter Entwistle, Class of 1962, died in December 2003 of a heart attack. Peter, an exchange student at GDA for one year, he excelled at track and cross-country. A resident of Abbeystead near Lancaster, England, he is survived by his wife Tizzie and two children.

Thomas Wallace, Class of 1986, died on May 13, 2003 of cancer. Two days after Tom's death, Tom's wife, Kortney, delivered a healthy baby boy – Conor Dailey Wallace.

i n m e m o r i a m

Faculty and Staff



GDA nurse **Greta Elizabeth (Peterson) Baker** died on January 10 at the age of 42 after a brief illness. In addition to working as a registered nurse at GDA for the past four years, Greta was a labor and delivery nurse at

Beverly Hospital. She graduated from Danvers High School and North Shore Community College. Greta enjoyed skiing, collecting antiques, gardening, home decorating, pottery, traveling and boating. In addition to her husband, Scott A. Baker, she is survived by six children: Carl M. Busta, Daniel W. Busta, James S. Baker, Anna E. Busta, Sarah A. Baker and Erin E. Baker. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Busta-Baker Children's Fund, c/o Banknorth, Route 1, Rowley, MA 01969.



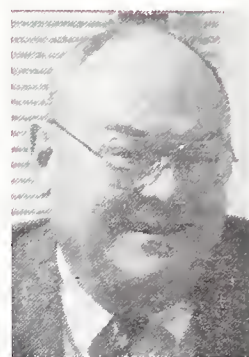
Joanna Frances Hallisey, administrative assistant in the Pescosolido Library at GDA for the past 15 years, died on February 12, 2004. A native of Newburyport, MA, Joanna was a valued member of the librarian staff as well as an accom-

plished quilter and seamstress. As Dean of Faculty Bill Quigley said, we will miss her "joyful presence." She is survived by her two children, Johanna H. Estes and John L. Harpell III. Donations in her memory may be made to the Hospice of Rapidan, PO Box 1715, Culpeper, VA 22701.



Josephine Moonves-Henley, wife of GDA Associate Director of Development Mike Moonves, died on January 7, 2004 after a long battle with cancer. She moved to the GDA campus in 1972 with her husband and two

daughters, Josephine and Augusta Henley. A graduate of Beaver Country Day School, where she was a classmate of Dottie Bragdon and Linda Pescosolido, Jo went on to study at Southern Seminary and Boston University. During her years in Byfield, Jo ran the bookstore and worked in the Development Office during the campaign, "To Make a Significant Difference." She also spent considerable time in the ceramics studio perfecting her work on the wheel. Jo is survived by her husband, daughter Augusta and granddaughters, Savannah and Asleigh Cheshire. Gifts in her memory can be made to the Gillette Center for Women's Cancer at the Dana Farber Cancer Institute in Boston or to the Josephine N. Henley Scholarship Fund at Brookwood School in Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA.



Edward B. Wall, college counselor at Governor Dummer Academy and husband of GDA's Director of College Counseling, Janet Adams-Wall, died suddenly on November 5, 2003 at his home on campus after a distin-

guished career in the field of college counseling and college admissions. A graduate of Phillips Exeter Academy and Yale University, Mr. Wall started his career at Exeter as an admission officer before moving to Cornell University's admission office. After spending two years at Lawrence University, Mr. Wall went to Amherst College, first as associate director of admission and then as dean for 13 years. In 1984, he started an independent college counseling consulting firm, Gibbs and Wall, and also soon became director of college counseling at Cushing Academy. Mr. Wall also served on admission committees, spoke at national and regional conferences, and authored many admission articles. Mr. Wall is survived by his wife, two sons, Chris and Thomas, and five other grown children. Donations may be made to the Edward B. Wall Scholarship Fund, c/o Phillips Exeter Academy, Exeter, NH 03833.

chapel talk

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Jessica Long '04 delivered this Chapel Speech to the GDA community earlier this school year.

Church is my foundation. I have gone to church with my family since I was in my mother's womb. I have been my mother's "road dog," tagging along for all the church related occasions. Church has given my life structure and meaning. I know the reason I am here and the ways to go about living my life successfully. It also provides me with faith to persevere through the hard times and rejoice in knowing that God has blessed me at all times.

When I decided to give my life to Christ, my church seemed to be "packed to the max." I had been thinking about joining for a while but I was scared; afraid of going in front of all those familiar but foreign faces. It felt kind of weird giving my life to something I could not see but in which I thoroughly believed. Finally, one Sunday, after changing my mind many times, I told my siblings, "I'm going up," and I strutted confidently to the front of the sanctuary to join. I was only seven, and, after four "new members classes" I was baptized. I remember the water was freezing as it went up my nose. It was a funny process to me at that time but exhilarating because I knew I was protected.

Although I was baptized at seven and embraced by God, each day I am faced with the decision of being a good person or living a life filled with cruelty and vulgarities. Yet, because I know the Lord, I am filled with love and charity. This means being patient on Saturday mornings when my dog is barking because he is hungry. Or understanding on the days when lunch was home

baked ham on homemade bread or when the house had to be heated with the oven because there was no oil in the furnace. This meant we warmed our bath water on the stove. Even if the water heater did work, the showers lasted for about two seconds since the water only stayed hot that long. I had to feel for the warmth of the water, jump into the shower, wash myself, and jump right out before it got too cold, and I had to save a little hot water for the next person. I remember trying to make ends meet. My family's ability to love one another through the struggles strengthened our belief that God is real. There were times when we did not know where the next meal would come from or how the bills would be paid to keep the lights on. But, through the grace of God we kept living, knowing that when the next tough time came we would persevere. We knew that the Lord always "made a way out of no way."

Though I understand his power, I am not perfect. I get mad at the little things in



life. When a person shoves past me without saying "excuse me" or stares at me, I get upset and roll my eyes. I forget, for that moment, that it may have been an accident. I make mistakes and pass judgment on others just like any other human being. Still, I realize my faults and continually try to fix them, however trying. Furthermore, I have a family who lives the same ideals as I, and they do not hesitate to put me in "check." Once when I was ten, my siblings stole my diary in which I had been writing inappropriate entries. So, they decided to give me a "ghetto beat down," which meant they all wrestled me as my cousin sat by laughing. It was good-natured fun to show me that they loved me but wanted me to live a respectable life. I remember the Bible says, "...let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God..." (1 John 4:7, New International Version). As a Christian, I want to lead a life pleasing to God and that means being compassionate. This means forgiving my siblings for hurting my pride and breaking my trust. Nevertheless, they knew what it means to love and to love me meant chastising me.

In a world that rejoices in people's downfalls, lies, and deception, I believe in being truthful. I strive to be real, even when I know it may get me in trouble. In addition, I must protect those I love from harm, trust that they are being true to me, and hope that they will care for me as well. At the end of the day, my life is always in the hands of God.



**Remember what you
loved about being a
student at GDA?
Pass it on.**

Dear GDA Friends,

As I wrote in a recent letter to my former GDA classmates, this is a great year for Governor Dummer Academy as well as the Class of 1954. This is the first year that the Academy will include Planned Gifts as well as the Annual Fund in the class giving totals. In addition, our aggregate score over the years will be kept, so we can continue to humble rival classes in the years ahead.

This is one reason why I have already established a planned gift of \$100,000. Furthermore, I will match all gifts beyond my \$100,000 up to an additional \$150,000. Meeting this match can truly distinguish the Class of 1954 as a class to be reckoned with. If you have ever considered stepping up to the plate, to use Buster Navin's term, now is the time to do it.

We all have an opportunity sometime in our lives to make a significant difference. With my gift and challenge I hope to help insure that Governor Dummer will continue to be the oldest boarding school in America for generations to come. I hope you will join me in this commitment.

The Academy has produced a booklet on Planned Giving which clearly spells out the benefits to both the individual and the school from a planned gift. I chose a gift annuity which pays me 6.4% annual income for life with the principal going to GDA upon my death. For more information, contact Headmaster Emeritus and Major Gift Officer Peter Bragdon at (603) 773-5985 or pbragdon@comcast.net.

The challenge is yours to accept. I remind you that the class of '54 is a determined group. So start your engines and let the race begin!

Sincerely,

Tom Larsen

Tom Larsen '54



**The
Schoolhouse
Society**

In 2002, the Academy created the Schoolhouse Society to honor those who establish planned gifts through estates, gift annuities, bequests and trusts for the school.

Dear Alumni/ae,

Master Moody often told his young students: 'Crede quod possis et potes – Believe that which you might be able and you are able.' Your commitment to the Schoolhouse Society will help the Academy help generations to come gain the skills and confidence to achieve all they are able.

Peter Bragdon looks forward to your calls. As always, thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

John M. Doggett

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Headmaster

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